



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1           [There was no reportable action taken as a result of  
2           the Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. MEMBERS AND AUDIENCE, THE  
7   LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MARCH 1, 2016 MEETING  
8   WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING THE INVOCATION WILL BE  
9   LED BY REVEREND BERNARD M. JACKSON, PASTOR, PHILLIPS TEMPLE  
10   CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, AND THE  
11   PLEDGE WILL BE LEAD BY ALMA PATRICIA SANCHEZ ARENAS, FORMER  
12   SERGEANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS FROM LOS ANGELES.

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14   **REV. BERNARD JACKSON:** LET US PRAY. ETERNAL GOD, OUR CREATOR,  
15   WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY THAT YOU CREATED. WE THANK YOU FOR  
16   THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF  
17   LOS ANGELES. THEIR LEADERSHIP EPITOMIZES THE WORDS OF  
18   THEOLOGIAN JOHN WESLEY: "DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN BY ALL THE  
19   MEANS YOU CAN IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN IN ALL THE PLACES YOU  
20   CAN AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN AS LONG  
21   AS EVER YOU CAN." IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT OUR BOARD OF  
22   SUPERVISORS WILL BE ENDOWED WITH DIVINE WISDOM IN CONJUNCTION  
23   WITH A SENSE OF SENSITIVITY AS THEY CONDUCT THE BUSINESS THAT  
24   AFFECTS THE WELFARE OF THOSE THAT THEY SERVE. WE HUMBLY SEEK



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1 YOUR GUIDANCE AND PRESENCE IN THIS PLACE ON THIS DAY. THIS IS  
2 OUR PRAYER. AND LET US SAY AMEN.

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4 **ALMA ARENAS:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER  
5 YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE A VETERAN, YOU MAY RENDER A HAND SALUTE.  
6 AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
7 RECITED.] THANK YOU.

8

9 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. WE'RE  
12 DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY THE REVEREND BERNARD M.  
13 JACKSON, WHO INVOKES JOHN WESLEY. THEREFORE, WE KNOW IT'S ALL  
14 RIGHT. PASTOR JACKSON HAS SERVED IN HIS CAPACITY AT THE  
15 PHILLIPS TEMPLE CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SINCE HE  
16 WAS APPOINTED IN AUGUST OF 2012. HE GRADUATED MAGNA CUM LAUDE  
17 WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HISTORY AND A MINOR IN RELIGION  
18 FROM PAINE COLLEGE IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. HE WAS ORDAINED AN  
19 ELDER UNDER BISHOP HENRY M. WILLIAMSON, THE PRESIDING PRELATE  
20 OF THE 9TH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT OF THE CHRISTIAN METHODIST  
21 EPISCOPAL CHURCH. REVEREND JACKSON HAS SERVED AS A PASTOR OF  
22 SEVERAL METHODIST CHURCHES IN GEORGIA PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT  
23 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL, THE  
24 HISTORIC HOLSEY MEMORIAL, AND ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCHES. WE  
25 WANT TO SAY TO YOU THIS MORNING, PASTOR JACKSON, THANK YOU

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1 VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION, DELIGHTED TO HAVE  
2 YOU AS ONE OF THE LEADING PASTORS IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL  
3 DISTRICT. AND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE  
4 EXTEND TO YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALMA SANCHEZ, FOR GUIDING US  
7 THROUGH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING. IT'S A GREAT  
8 HONOR TO HAVE YOU HERE REPRESENTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
9 AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO THANK YOU AND  
10 YOUR FAMILY AND ESPECIALLY YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. AS SOME OF  
11 YOU MAY KNOW, MS. SANCHEZ ARENAS HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF L.A.  
12 COUNTY FOR 18 YEARS AND RECENTLY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN THE  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD OF GLASSELL PARK. SHE SERVED OUR COUNTRY AS A  
14 U.S. MARINE CORPS INDUCTEE IN 1998-2002 WITH THE M.A.L.S.  
15 MARINE AVIATION LOGISTICS SQUADRON, 16 UNIT AS AN E-5  
16 SERGEANT. MISS SANCHEZ ARENAS RECEIVED SEVERAL HONORS WHILE IN  
17 SERVICE, WHICH INCLUDE THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION, A MARINE  
18 GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, AND MERITORIOUS MAST. SHE ATTENDED THE  
19 UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX AND OBTAINED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN  
20 ACCOUNTING. SHE IS A PROUD MOTHER OF HER DAUGHTER, ESMERALDA  
21 SANCHEZ. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
22 I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND FOR LEADING US  
23 TODAY IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]  
24 OKAY, MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE AGENDA TODAY.

25

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND  
2   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
3   REPORTS. ON ITEM R-1, WE WILL HOLD FOR A REPORT. ON ITEM R-2,  
4   THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS  
5   ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 3, 2016. ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICT  
6   AGENDAS, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
7   COMMISSION, ON ITEM 1-D, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
8   THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 2-D, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT  
9   THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. AND ON ITEM 3-D, A MEMBER  
10   OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6,  
11   AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
12   DISTRICT, ON ITEM 1-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
13   THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1  
14   THROUGH 7, ON PAGE 3 -- I'M SORRY, AGENDA ITEM NO. 3, A MEMBER  
15   OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON NO. 6,  
16   SUPERVISORS SHEILA KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUEST THAT  
17   THIS ITEM BE HELD. NUMBER 7, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS  
18   THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINDER OF THE ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
19   YOU.

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21   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
22   SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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24   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
25   8 THROUGH 41, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT NO. 8 BE

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1 HELD. THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 42. NO. 10, A  
2 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
3 NO. 11, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS  
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 12,  
5 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON 13,  
6 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON 14,  
7 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO  
8 WEEKS TO MARCH 15TH. ON ITEM 15, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEMS 17 AND 18, MEMBERS  
10 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT WERE THOSE ITEMS?

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14 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THOSE WERE 17 AND 18. MEMBERS OF  
15 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THOSE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 19 AND  
16 20, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THESE  
17 ITEMS BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON ITEM 22, A MEMBER OF THE  
18 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON NO. 25, A MEMBER OF  
19 THE PUBLIC ASKS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27, THIS  
20 INCLUDES THE REVISION AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND  
21 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
22 ITEM 30, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
23 HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE  
24 BEFORE YOU.

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1     **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.

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3     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

4     SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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6     **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 22, ORDINANCES FOR  
7     INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 42 THROUGH 44, ON ITEM 42, A MEMBER OF THE  
8     PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
9     FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES, BY  
10    ADDING AND/OR DELETING AND CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS  
11    AND NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THE PROBATION  
12    DEPARTMENT. THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 8. ON ITEM  
13    43, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY  
14    CODES TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION, AND CONSUMER 8, CONSUMER  
15    PROTECTION, BUSINESS, AND WAGE REGULATIONS, TO AMEND A SECTION  
16    TO INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AS A  
17    MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND ADD A CHAPTER  
18    RELATING TO THE OVERPRICING OF VITAL AND NECESSARY GOODS AND  
19    SERVICES FOLLOWING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY OR  
20    THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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22    **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.

23

24    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

25    WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 44, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
3 FOR INTRODUCTION GRANTING AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE  
4 TO ANTELOPE BIG SKY L.L.C. TO CONDUCT AND TRANSMIT ELECTRICITY  
5 BEGINNING APRIL 21, 2016, AND TERMINATING ON JUNE 11, 2049.  
6 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE  
10 ORDER.

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12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 23, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM  
13 45, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
14 AND THIS ITEM INCLUDES THE REVISION AS NOTED ON THE  
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 24, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO  
16 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
17 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 46-  
18 A, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
22 ORDER.

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
2   AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINNING WITH  
3   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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5   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR?

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7   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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9   **SUP. KNABE:** COULD I HAVE A POINT OF ORDER JUST TO GIVE A SHOUT  
10   OUT? WE HAVE A GROUP OF YOUNG STUDENTS WITH US HERE THAT ARE  
11   LEARNING THE PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT IN THEIR COMMUNITY. AND WE  
12   HAVE THE LA MIRADA YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT GROUP. I ASK THEM TO  
13   STAND UP AND THANK THEM FOR JOINING US TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] I  
14   GOT TO MEET MANY OF THEM OUT THERE AND GOT THE MAYOR WITH US  
15   AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR,  
16   PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. WE GOT THEM ALL. SO, THANK YOU.  
17   WELCOME. AND HAVE A GREAT TOUR TODAY. WELCOME.

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19   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CONGRATULATIONS.

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21   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A PUG-CHIHUAHUA MIX, LITTLE MASON. I  
24   DON'T KNOW IF HE'S A MEMBER OF THE LODGE, BUT THAT'S HIS NAME,  
25   MASON. AND YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. HE'S 7 WEEKS OLD, AND

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1 HE'S LOOKING FOR A NICE, LOVING HOME FOR PASSOVER, FOR EASTER,  
2 FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING CHANGE. SO, LITTLE MASON CAN BRING YOU A  
3 LOT OF JOY. ALSO LIKES TO DO RUNNING WITH MARATHON RUNNERS.  
4 GOT LITTLE LEGS, BUT HE'LL KEEP UP WITH YOU, SACHI. ANYBODY  
5 LIKE LITTLE MASON? YEAH, MASON'S COOL.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I HAVE A  
8 PRESENTATION. PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH. MEMBERS  
9 OF THE BOARD, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND  
11 CONTROL AND THE SAFE MED L.A. COALITION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO  
12 EDUCATE AND MOBILIZE THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS PRESCRIPTION  
13 DRUG ABUSE AND PROCLAIM MARCH AS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE  
14 AWARENESS MONTH. PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS NOW ONE OF THE  
15 FASTEST GROWING PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS IN THE COUNTRY.  
16 ACCORDING TO A JOINT REPORT BY THE TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH  
17 AND ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS HAVE  
18 MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THE PAST 14 YEARS. AND HALF OF THESE  
19 DEATHS, APPROXIMATELY 22,000 PER YEAR, ARE RELATED TO  
20 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. DRUG OVERDOSES HAVE SURPASSED MOTOR  
21 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS AS THE LEADING CAUSE OF INJURY AND DEATH IN  
22 THE UNITED STATES. IN RESPONSE, THE SAFE MED L.A. IS A COUNTY-  
23 WIDE COALITION COMPRISED OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, LAW  
24 ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT IS WORKING TO  
25 REDUCE PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE BY URGING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

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1 TO ADOPT SAFE PRESCRIBING PRACTICES, EXPANDING THE USE OF  
2 LIFESAVING INTERVENTIONS FOR OVERDOSE PREVENTION, MEDICATION-  
3 ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR ADDICTION, INCREASING THE USE OF  
4 CALIFORNIA'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, ENCOURAGING  
5 THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNUSED AND UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS,  
6 ENGAGING IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE DANGER.  
7 AND I ENCOURAGE ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO TAKE THIS MONTH TO  
8 EDUCATE AND INFORM THEMSELVES ABOUT THE RISKS OF PRESCRIPTION  
9 DRUG ABUSE TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO ONLY TAKE PRESCRIPTION  
10 MEDICATIONS MEANT FOR YOU AND AS DIRECTED BY THE HEALTHCARE  
11 PROVIDER WHO PRESCRIBED THEM TO YOU. THANKS TO S.A.P.C. AND  
12 SAFE MED L.A. IN BRINGING AWARENESS TO THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE  
13 AND HELPING THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'D LIKE TO  
14 GIVE YOU ALL A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK,  
15 MRS. HARDY? LUCIA?

16

17 **LUCIA HARDY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS  
18 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR RECOGNITION AND  
19 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MARCH AS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS  
20 MONTH AND FOR SHINING A LIGHT ON THIS REALLY CRITICAL,  
21 IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND I'M HONORED TO BE HERE ON THE DAIS WITH  
22 DRS. JOEL HYATT AND EDWIN COON OF THE SAFE MED L.A. COALITION,  
23 WES FORD, WHO IS OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC  
24 HEALTH OVERSEEING HEALTH PROMOTION, AND DR. GARY TSAI OF THE  
25 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM. AND AS

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1 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SO ELOQUENTLY OUTLINED THE ISSUE AND THE  
2 IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNIZING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS  
3 MONTH, PEOPLE CAN ABUSE THESE DRUGS BY TAKING MEDICATIONS THAT  
4 WERE PRESCRIBED FOR SOMEBODY ELSE, BY TAKING A HIGHER DOSE OR  
5 IN A DIFFERENT MANNER THAN WAS PRESCRIBED, OR TAKING  
6 MEDICATIONS FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE THAN INTENDED. AND THIS ABUSE  
7 OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS CAN LEAD TO SEVERE ADDICTIONS. AND 1 IN  
8 5 PEOPLE THAT END UP USING ILLICIT DRUGS OFTEN STARTED BY  
9 ABUSING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. SO, IT'S A VERY, VERY SERIOUS  
10 ISSUE. AND AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS OUTLINED, IN ORDER FOR US TO  
11 ADDRESS THIS, WE NEED COALITIONS LIKE SAFE MED L.A. BRINGING  
12 TOGETHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, BRINGING TOGETHER OPINION  
13 LEADERS, AND BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, BECAUSE  
14 TOGETHER WE CAN ADDRESS THIS ISSUE EFFECTIVELY. THANK YOU VERY  
15 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I'M DELIGHTED THIS MORNING TO  
18 WELCOME MISS RACHEL BLOOM TO THE DAIS TODAY. MISS BLOOM, AS  
19 SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW, IS A COMEDIAN, AN ACTRESS, A SINGER,  
20 WRITER, AND RECENTLY A GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDEE AND THE CRITICS  
21 CHOICE AWARD WINNER. SHE WAS NAMED ONE OF VARIETY'S 10 SCRIBES  
22 TO WATCH IN 2015, AS WELL AS A COMIC TO WATCH BY  
23 "COSMOPOLITAN, " "TIME OUT" OF L.A., AND "BACKSTAGE" MAGAZINE.  
24 SHE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND GRADUATED  
25 FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY'S TISCH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS. MISS



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1 BLOOM CURRENTLY STARS IN THE C.W.'S NEW MUSICAL COMEDY "CRAZY  
2 EX-GIRLFRIEND." AND I GOT TO TELL YOU, IT IS FUNNY. IT IS  
3 GREAT. WHERE SHE PLAYS REBECCA BUNCH, A SUCCESSFUL, DRIVEN,  
4 AND POSSIBLY CRAZY YOUNG WOMAN WHO IMPULSIVELY GIVES UP HER  
5 PRESTIGIOUS CAREER IN NEW YORK IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FIND  
6 LOVE AND HAPPINESS, GUESS WHERE? WEST COVINA. [LAUGHTER.] AND  
7 I QUOTE, "IN THAT EXOTIC HOTBED OF ROMANCE AND ADVENTURE KNOWN  
8 TO SOME OF US AS WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA." I'M DELIGHTED THAT  
9 SHE COULD JOIN US TODAY AND THAT WE HAVE ALSO CHOSEN -- THAT  
10 SHE HAS CHOSEN TO MAKE THIS HER PLACE WHERE SHE IS SHARING HER  
11 TALENTS AND SKILLS WITH SO MANY OF US HERE, AND ESPECIALLY IN  
12 THE FIRST DISTRICT. OH, MY GOD, SHEILA KUEHL GETS ALL THE  
13 ACTORS IN HER DISTRICT, BUT WE HAVE OURS RIGHT HERE. PLEASE  
14 GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WOW. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS IS A 12-EPIISODE TV SHOW, AND IT  
17 SUSTAINS ABOUT 400 -- 480 JOBS, AND IT GENERATES ABOUT \$5.1  
18 MILLION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THROUGH LOCAL TAX  
19 REVENUE. BUT AN 18-EPIISODE TV SHOW LIKE "CRAZY EX-GIRLFRIEND"  
20 SUSTAINS UP TO 800 JOBS AND GENERATES MORE THAN \$8 MILLION TO  
21 THE LOCAL ECONOMY. KEEPING TV PRODUCTION HERE IN L.A. BOOSTS  
22 OUR ECONOMY, AS MANY OF US KNOW HERE. AND IT IS A SIGNIFICANT  
23 ECONOMIC IMPACT WITH EVER INCREASING AMOUNTS OF REVENUE THAT  
24 CAN BE GENERATED HERE. SO, I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE  
25 GRATITUDE FOR CHOOSING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AS YOUR

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1 BACKDROP. I LOVE -- GO SEE HER ON YOUTUBE. IT'S AMAZING. SHE  
2 MENTIONS ALL THE CITIES IN OUR AREA. AND I JUST THINK IT'S  
3 OUTSTANDING THAT A YOUNG PERSON CAN CAPTIVATE AND CAPTURE THE  
4 ESSENCE OF L.A. COUNTY AND OUR DISTRICT. SO, I'M JUST  
5 DELIGHTED THAT YOU'RE HERE THIS MORNING ALONG WITH THE MAYOR  
6 OF WEST COVINA. AND I WANT TO SAY, RACHEL BLOOM, ANYDAY YOU  
7 WANT TO COME AND BE A PART OF THE COUNTY BOARD, PLEASE JOIN  
8 US. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **RACHEL BLOOM:** OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU. AND WE'RE  
11 VERY, VERY HAPPY. I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MYSELF, OF COURSE, AND  
12 MY CO-CREATOR, BROSH MCKENNA. WE'RE SO HAPPY TO BE  
13 REPRESENTING LOS ANGELES TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. WHEN WE  
14 WERE THINKING ABOUT WHERE TO SET THE SHOW, I HADN'T REALLY  
15 SEEN ANYTHING THAT WAS SET WHERE I GREW UP. AND I'M SO HAPPY  
16 TO BE REPRESENTING REALLY WHAT IS A MICROCOSM OF AMERICA,  
17 WHICH IS A WONDERFUL, DIVERSE PLACE FILLED WITH HARD-WORKING  
18 AMERICANS. AND I REALLY LOVE THAT WE ARE A SHOW THAT SHOWS  
19 THAT AMERICA IS A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE ALL COME  
20 TOGETHER, AND IT'S THIS WONDERFUL MELTING POT. AND, YEAH, I'M  
21 VERY, VERY HONORED, I HAVE TO SAY, AS A NATIVE SOUTHERN  
22 CALIFORNIAN. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS. AND I WOULD LIKE  
23 TO INVITE THE MAYOR OF WEST COVINA UP WITH ME JUST TO SAY  
24 THANK YOU FOR LETTING US HAVE FUN IN YOUR FAIR CITY AND

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1 EVERYBODY IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BEING SO WELCOMING, SIR.

2 SO, THANK YOU.

3

4 **MAYOR JAMES TOMA:** WE JUST WANT TO SAY WE'RE VERY PROUD AND  
5 VERY HAPPY AND VERY GRATEFUL TO RACHEL AND THE PRODUCTION  
6 PEOPLE AT C.W. FOR CASTING YOUR SHOW IN WEST COVINA. IT'S A  
7 FABULOUS SHOW. PLEASE, EVERYBODY, WATCH IT.

8

9 **RACHEL BLOOM:** THANK YOU, EVERYONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **RACHEL BLOOM:** THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST FOR ME TO SING. I WOULD  
13 LIKE TO INVITE THE MAYOR OF WEST COVINA UP TO SING WITH ME. IF  
14 I'M GOING TO BE SOMEWHAT PIMPED OUT INTO SINGING, I'M VERY  
15 HAPPY TO SING. DO YOU KNOW THE WEST COVINA SONG, SIR?

16

17 **MAYOR JAMES TOMA:** I KNOW THE PART THAT GOES, "WEST COVINA."

18

19 **RACHEL BLOOM:** OKAY, I'M GOING TO SING A COUPLE LINES FROM THE  
20 WEST COVINA SONG, AND THE MAYOR OF WEST COVINA IS GOING TO  
21 COPY ME. SO, "WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA" OKAY, WAIT. ONE MORE.  
22 REPEAT AFTER ME. "IN MY SOUL I FEEL A FIRE."

23

24 **MAYOR JAMES TOMA:** "IN MY SOUL I FEEL A FIRE." FIRE.

25

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1 **RACHEL BLOOM:** "BECAUSE I'M HEADING FOR THE PRIDE OF THE --"

2 WELL, THIS IS THE WRONG LYRIC -- "SAN GABRIEL VALLEY."

3 [LAUGHTER.]

4

5 **MAYOR JAMES TOMA:** "SAN GABRIEL VALLEY!"

6

7 **RACHEL BLOOM:** YEAH! [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **MAYOR JAMES TOMA:** I DIDN'T EVEN DO KIND OF OKAY.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE A STAR.

12

13 **MAYOR JAMES TOMA:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **RACHEL BLOOM:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RACHAEL. GOOD JOB. THANK YOU.

18 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WE HAVE A SPECIAL

23 PRESENTATION DEALING WITH THE MOCK TRIAL. AND WE ARE HONORED

24 TO HAVE SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE HERE TODAY, BEGINNING WITH LEO

25 JORDAN AND ANN, CHELSEA, ZOE, BRIAN, JONATHAN, FINNEAN, RUBY,

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1 JARED, LEAH, LAURA, AND MARTIN. GIVE THEM ALL A BIG ROUND OF  
2 APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] THESE HONOREES ARE SPECIAL.  
3 AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ROBERT YOUNG, THE COACH FROM  
4 WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, ACCEPTING THE SCROLL FOR THE  
5 WESTSIDE SCHOOL. AND THEN JUDGE RENEE KORN, COACH FOR  
6 L.A.C.E.S., IS ACCEPTING THE L.A.C.E.S. SCROLL. AND THEN  
7 LOURDES MORALES, SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER WITH THE  
8 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION AND THESE STUDENTS FROM THE  
9 LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES. L.A.C.E.S. IS IN THE  
10 HOUSE. GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU?  
11 [APPLAUSE.] YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
12 RIGHTS FOUNDATION'S LOS ANGELES COUNTY MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM IS  
13 THE LARGEST AND OLDEST MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION IN THE STATE OF  
14 CALIFORNIA. THE MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM  
15 THAT TEACHES STUDENTS ABOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WHILE  
16 BUILDING PUBLIC SPEAKING, ANALYTICAL AND TEAMWORK SKILLS.  
17 SOMEONE SAID TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK. STUDENTS STUDY A  
18 HYPOTHETICAL CASE AND CONDUCT LEGAL RESEARCH, RECEIVE GUIDANCE  
19 FROM VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS, AND PLAY THE ROLES OF ATTORNEYS,  
20 WITNESSES AND CLERKS. IN 2015, THERE WERE A RECORD NUMBER OF  
21 PRACTICING TEENS, 52 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS AND 94 HIGH SCHOOL  
22 TEAMS. AND THESE ARE COMPETITORS. AND THEY CAME OUT FRONT.  
23 GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] TWO  
24 SCHOOLS ARE HERE TODAY, WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
25 AND LOS ANGELES CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES. AND THESE



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1 SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOLS MOCK DAWN TEAM LOCATED IN THE SECOND  
2 DISTRICT, WERE THE 2015 RUNNER-UP TEAMS FOR THE JUNIOR AND  
3 SENIOR HIGH DIVISION IN NOVEMBER. WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD MIDDLE  
4 SCHOOL PLACED AS RUNNER-UP AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THE  
5 COMPETITION FOR ONLY FOUR YEARS. SEVERAL OF THEIR STUDENTS  
6 ALSO WON AWARDS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES. L.A.C.E.S. HIGH SCHOOL  
7 HAS BEEN A TOP TEAM IN LOS ANGELES FOR MANY YEARS. THEY ALSO  
8 HAD INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS WHO WON AWARDS. THEIR MOST ARDENT  
9 SUPPORTERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM  
10 COORDINATORS ARE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. AND SO WE RECOGNIZE  
11 YOU AND GIVE YOU A SHOUTOUT. AND WE SAY TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE  
12 THAT THEY EXEMPLIFY THE TYPES OF STUDENTS WE ARE PROUD TO SEE  
13 IN THE COUNTY; THAT IS, HARD WORKING, ANALYTICAL, INTERESTED  
14 IN HAVING A FAIR AND HIGH-QUALITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND  
15 THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE ABOUT. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE ABOUT. AND  
16 THAT'S WHY WE CELEBRATE THEM TODAY. THEY ARE RISING LEADERS IN  
17 OUR COUNTY AND NO DOUBT WILL GO ON TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS.  
18 AND I'M SURE SOME WILL BE ON THE BENCH ARGUING CASES,  
19 REPRESENTING US HERE AS MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD. SO, IT GIVES ME  
20 A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD  
21 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND L.A.C.E.S. HIGH SCHOOL FOR FINISHING AS  
22 RUNNER-UPS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS IN THE MOCK TRIAL  
23 PROGRAM. AND I'M DELIGHTED TO INVITE ROBERT YOUNG FORWARD AND  
24 THEN JUDGE RENEE KORN. WOULD YOU COME FORWARD, PLEASE? GIVE  
25 THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR WORK. IT TAKES THESE

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1 MENTORS TO HELP. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE LOURDES MORALES.

2 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, LOURDES, TO MAKE REMARKS. LOURDES?

3

4 **LOURDES MORALES:** THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

5 FOUNDATION, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND

6 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS OF THE SECOND

7 DISTRICT, FOR HAVING US HERE AND SUPPORTING ALL OUR C.R.F.

8 PROGRAMS. I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS

9 SAID ABOUT THE L.A. COMPETITION. EACH YEAR WE HAVE MORE AND

10 MORE SCHOOLS, AND SO IT HAS BECOME VERY COMPETITIVE. AND THE

11 TWO TEAMS BEHIND ME, IT WAS A REALLY, REALLY, REALLY TOUGH

12 COMPETITION. MIDDLE SCHOOL, WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD, LIKE HE

13 SAID, IT WAS THEIR FOURTH YEAR, AND NOW THEY'RE SECOND PLACE.

14 AND IT WAS A REALLY CLOSE MATCH. AND AS FAR AS L.A.C.E.S.,

15 THIS WAS EVEN CLOSER. IT ACTUALLY WAS A TIE. SO, IT WAS

16 REALLY, REALLY COMPETITIVE, AND THE DECISION WAS DECIDED BY

17 THE PRESIDER. BUT, AGAIN, BOTH WERE VERY COMPETITIVE, AND THEY

18 SHOULD DESERVE BOTH FIRST PLACE. AGAIN THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR

19 HAVING US. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE

20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS WE CONTINUE TO ENGAGE THE YOUTH OF LOS

21 ANGELES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUDGE, WOULD YOU LIKE

24 TO HAVE A WORD? YOU'RE SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO PRESIDE? COME ON

25 OVER HERE AND SAY SOMETHING.

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1

2 **HON. RENEE KORN:** I'M JUDGE RENEE KORN. AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE  
3 IN COURT RIGHT NOW, BUT WITH THAT BEING SAID, THIS PROGRAM IS  
4 PHENOMENAL. WHAT IT DOES FOR OUR YOUTH OF THIS CITY IS BEYOND  
5 WORDS. THE KIDS FROM AT LEAST OUR L.A.C.E.S. PROGRAM HAVE GONE  
6 ON TO ALL OF THE BEST THE SCHOOLS IN THE NATION. AND MOST OF  
7 THEM, IN FACT NONE OF OUR FORMER GRADUATES IN THE 10 YEARS  
8 THAT I'VE BEEN COACHING, HAVE GONE ON TO LAW SCHOOL. THEY'VE  
9 GONE ON TO DO WHATEVER IN THE WORLD THAT THEY WANT TO DO. AND  
10 IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM, LEARNING TO THINK ON THEIR FEET,  
11 LEARNING TO ARGUE IN FRONT OF A COURT, USING THEIR WORDS, THAT  
12 GIVES THEM THE STRENGTH AND POWER TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO  
13 DO IN THE FUTURE. SO, I THANK THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
14 FOUNDATION FOR DOING THIS PROGRAM EACH AND EVERY YEAR. IT  
15 MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR  
16 STUDENTS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND MEMBERS OF  
19 THE BOARD, MADAME CHAIR, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PHOTO WITH  
20 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR MENTORS. YOU NEVER KNOW. THEY MAY  
21 NEED TO REPRESENT US SOON. MR. ANTONOVICH, MR. KNABE, WOULD  
22 YOU JOIN US SO WE TAKE A PICTURE WITH THEM? AND YOU CAN SELECT  
23 WHICHEVER ONE YOU WANT TO REPRESENT YOU DOWN THE ROAD.

24

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1    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. ON ITEM  
2    35, MAY WE PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS ITEM FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
3    PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD?

4

5    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH  
6    WILL BE THE ORDER. MEMBERS, WE ARE NOW GOING TO GO TO MULTIPLE  
7    ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN -- WE WILL HAVE OUR -- MULTIPLE ITEMS  
8    BROUGHT FORWARD AND READ IN THE NOTICE.

9

10   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS  
11   OPERATIVE DURING TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO  
12   ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING  
13   IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
14   AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM.  
15   GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
16   JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
17   RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
18   PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
19   UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,  
20   THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE  
21   STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR  
22   OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF  
23   THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND  
24   MAY NOT CLAP, JEER, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE  
25   ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT

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1 THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
2 BOARD MEETING. IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER  
3 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN  
4 ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE  
5 SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, WE HAVE  
8 ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD, SEVERAL ITEMS. WE HAVE ERIC PREVEN  
9 HOLDING ITEMS 18, 27, 35, AND 45. WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS HOLDING  
10 ITEMS 1-D, 3-D, 1-P, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 25, 30, AND  
11 42, AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HOLDING ITEMS 3 AND 15. GO AHEAD,  
12 SIR.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS ERIC  
15 PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, OR RESIDENT. TODAY'S A STRANGE  
16 LITTLE AGENDA. I GUESS THE REPORTS WILL COME IN A MINUTE, BUT  
17 ITEM 45, IT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION. THIS IS PRESSING IN A GUY  
18 WHO'S JUST ABOUT TO RETIRE, JUST DID RETIRE, MR. BYERS FROM  
19 THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR'S GROUP, BACK INTO SERVICE AT AN  
20 HOURLY RATE OF \$83 AN HOUR FOR 960 HOURS OR SOMETHING LIKE  
21 THAT. AND THE IDEA HERE IS TO KEEP HIS KIND OF INSTITUTIONAL  
22 KNOWLEDGE IN HOUSE FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AS WE GO GET SOME  
23 MORE BOND MONEY IN NEW YORK FOR SOME OF THESE MISCELLANEOUS  
24 PROJECTS THAT ARE NEVER CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AND ARE ALWAYS  
25 WORRISOME, INCLUDING OUR JAIL AND OTHER BIG BOND OFFERINGS



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1 THAT WE'RE SEEKING. I THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS A MISTAKE TO BRING  
2 BACK A GUY WHO IS SORT OF ON TEMPORARY STATUS, BECAUSE HE'S  
3 GOING TO BE MAKING A DEAL OR ADVISING ON A DEAL THAT WE'RE  
4 GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE WITH FOR 40 YEARS. SO, I THOUGHT IT  
5 MIGHT BE BETTER TO HAVE SOMEBODY WHO IS MORE ACCOUNTABLE IN  
6 THE FORM OF A PERSON FROM THE TREASURER -- I KNOW WE HAVE TO  
7 DEVELOP. IT'S NOT A SURPRISE THIS GUY IS RETIRING. THIS IS A  
8 MISTAKE. ITEM NO. 6 IS WE GOT A GUY, PERSON HERE, BEING  
9 IDENTIFIED AS A CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY.  
10 THE COUNTY, AS WE KNOW, HAS 103,000 EMPLOYEES, LOTS OF  
11 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, 37 DEPARTMENTS OR SO, AND THESE  
12 DEPARTMENTS NEED TO BE FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABILITY. BUT TO PUT A  
13 GROUP INSIDE THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE SEEMS DUPLICATIVE AND LIKE A  
14 POWER PLAY. I DO NOT SEE ANY REASON TO DO THAT. I DO NOT KNOW  
15 WHY IN THE GREAT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS I.S.D. THOSE  
16 GROUPS SIMPLY CAN'T BOND TOGETHER AND FORM A LITTLE COMMITTEE  
17 AND WORK COLLECTIVELY TOWARD A VERY OBVIOUS AND CLEAR GOAL.  
18 THE IDEA THAT WE NEED TO STAFF UP A NEW GROUP IN THE C.E.O.'S  
19 OFFICE IS A MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT I THINK THE PUBLIC IS  
20 EXCITED ABOUT. ITEM NO. 35, AS YOU MENTIONED, IS THE  
21 ALLEGATIONS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE IN THE JAILS CASE FROM MR.  
22 AGUIRRE. THIS IS A CASE I'M FAMILIAR WITH. I'M NOT GOING TO  
23 GET INTO THE DETAILS OF IT, BUT I AM GOING TO REPORT THAT THE  
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO STEP FORWARD WITH THE REVISIONS  
25 TO THE USE OF FORCE MANUAL THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED REGARDING

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1 SPARKING A TASER, IMMEDIATELY. I MEAN, IT'S JUST ENOUGH  
2 ALREADY. ITEM NO. 19 IS WE'RE EXTENDING FOR, I THINK IT'S 10  
3 YEARS, 9 YEARS, THE RENAISSANCE FAIR OUT AT THE DAM PROJECT  
4 CONTRACT, WHICH IS ABOUT A \$450,000 A YEAR TO THE COUNTY TO  
5 PROVIDE THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM. BUT WHY WOULD WE DO  
6 SUCH A LONG-TERM DEAL WHEN WE'RE STILL LOOKING AT THE PARKS  
7 AND REC DEALS COMING FORWARD? I THINK THERE'S AN ITEM ON THE  
8 AGENDA ON THAT VERY SAME SUBJECT. AND OF COURSE, ITEM 18 IS  
9 THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL REPORT. THIS IS A GREAT  
10 DISAPPOINTMENT, BECAUSE IT SIMPLY SAYS, WELL, YOU KNOW, IF  
11 ANYTHING IS LARGER THAN 10,000 PEOPLE AGGREGATING ON COUNTY  
12 LAND, LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT IT. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO MAKE  
13 ANY -- I MEAN, IT MKES SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE OBVIOUS  
14 AND HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT TOOK  
15 SO LONG TO PRODUCE SUCH A LIMP REPORT. ITEM 14 --

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEMS HAVE ALL BEEN ADDRESSED. THANK YOU.  
18 YOU'RE EXCUSED. ARNOLD SACHS.

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
21 THE FUTURE LEGAL PEOPLE OUT HERE, ARE THEY GOING TO REPRESENT  
22 YOU IN CRIMINAL CASES? I HOPE NOT. IN ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3-D. 1-D  
23 REFERS TO ADMINISTRATIVE COST RELATED TO OVERSIGHT OF A  
24 HOMELESS SERVICE SITE, NOT A PROJECT PER SE, IN LONG BEACH FOR  
25 THE MENTAL HEALTH OF AMERICA TO DEVELOP. 2-D REFERS TO THE

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1 COMMISSION'S POLICY CHANGES REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSES. WHEN  
2 DID THE COMMISSION CHANGE ITS POLICY? AND WHEN WAS THAT HEARD  
3 IN FRONT OF THE BOARD? AND WHAT WAS THE POLICY? AFFORDABLE  
4 HOUSING? IT'S NOT LIKE L.A. COUNTY HAS A PROBLEM WITH  
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THERE'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALL OVER THE  
6 PLACE. YOU JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE IN IT. THAT'S THE  
7 PROBLEM. AND NUMBER 3-D REFERS TO A PROJECT THAT'S GOING TO  
8 COST OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. YET THERE'S NO ADMINISTRATIVE  
9 OVERSIGHT. WHY NOT? DON'T KNOW. ITEM 1-P IS PARKS PROPOSITION  
10 OF 1996. LAST WEEK YOU HAD AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA FOR THE  
11 WASHINGTON -- EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK, WHERE YOU USED  
12 UTILITY USER TAX. IT WOULD REALLY HELP TO KNOW HOW MUCH YOU  
13 GET FROM UTILITY USER TAX VERSUS PARK PROPOSITION FUNDING.  
14 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR PARKS  
15 OVERSIGHT, UTILITY USER TAX. WHO KNEW? ITEM NO. 7 REFERS TO A  
16 COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-AGENCY JUVENILE JUSTICE PLAN. IS THERE A  
17 COPY OF THIS AND THE AGENCIES INVOLVED? WHO KNOWS? ITEM 8,  
18 ANOTHER ORDINANCE, ANOTHER RECLASSIFICATION FOR PERSONNEL.  
19 ONLY COSTS MORE MONEY. YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE MONEY  
20 FOR THESE PROJECTS. LIKE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, YOUR  
21 CUTTING-EDGE HOMELESS PLAN? YOU APPROVED A CUTTING-EDGE  
22 HOMELESS PLAN, EXCEPT YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY FUNDING FOR IT. YOU  
23 HAVE FUNDING FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITIONS, THOUGH. THE  
24 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, I SAY PORTER RANCH. HOW ABOUT  
25 YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? 13 REFERS TO SOME KIND OF PROGRAM,

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1 BE ALERT. IS THAT LIKE M.T.A.'S "SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING?"  
2 I USED TO GO TO M.T.A. AND SAY, YOU KNOW, THERE'S A BUNCH OF  
3 CROOKS SITTING ON THE BOARD. I WAS SAYING, BECAUSE I'M SEEING  
4 SOMETHING. GOT NO RESULTS FROM THAT. ITEM 17 REFERS TO  
5 PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES AT THE JAILS. WOULD THAT BE FOR THE  
6 PERSONNEL OR FOR THE INMATES? 18 REFERS TO THE MASS GATHERING  
7 ON COUNTY PROPERTY, BUT YOU HAVE OVERSIGHT OF THE COLISEUM,  
8 WHICH IS STATE PROPERTY, BUT NO OVERSIGHT AT THE POMONA  
9 FAIRPLEX IN POMONA OR THE FAIRPLEX IN POMONA. HOW COME? DON'T  
10 KNOW. ITEM 25 REFERS TO A NOTE TO THE STATE THAT YOU'RE  
11 DECREASING ROAD USAGE -- OR ROAD DECREASE BY FIVE HUNDREDTHS  
12 OF A MILE. THAT IS 525 FEET. YET MEASURE R, YOU MISSED BY 50  
13 PERCENT.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHAT GREAT ACCOUNTABILITY.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
22 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM NO. 3, YOU KNOW, IT WAS KIND  
23 OF NICE TO SEE THAT AWARD TODAY ABOUT DRUG ABUSE AND SO ON,  
24 BUT I AM VERY CONCERNED, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, ACTUALLY, SOME OF  
25 THE PEOPLE WE NEED OPIATES AND SO ON ARE DENIED MEDICATION.

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1 AND EVERYBODY IS JUMPING ON THE BANDWAGON. IT'S, OH, WE NEED  
2 TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT ALL THE DRUG ADDICTION AND SO ON. WELL,  
3 YOU HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THAT IN CALIFORNIA, WE HAVE THE STATE  
4 WHO BUYS THE LEASE AND WHO HAS THE LESS PRESCRIBED OPIATES IN  
5 THE UNITED STATES. SO, I THINK, YOU KNOW, LOOK AT THE  
6 SITUATION. LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THE REPORT. AND  
7 ACTUALLY, THAT WAS ALL TRIGGERED BY A TOTALLY DECEIVING  
8 ARTICLE FROM THE L.A. TIMES A FEW YEARS AGO FROM LISA GIRION.  
9 SO, I APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, BUT DO SOMETHING ABOUT MAKE  
10 SURE YOU DO DUE DILIGENCE AND CHECK THE FACTS. RIGHT NOW, MOST  
11 OF THE DOCTORS DON'T FEEL AT EASE TO PRESCRIBE MEDICATION.  
12 THAT'S PRETTY SAD. ON ITEM 15, AND YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT  
13 SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS. I THINK IN A STATE LIKE -- OR A COUNTY  
14 LIKE LOS ANGELES, IT'S ASININE, BUT ANYWAY, WE HAVE AGAIN A  
15 SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACT HAVING TO DO WITH D.V. MENTAL HEALTH. I  
16 AM VERY CONCERNED, BECAUSE I KNOW FROM MY OWN RESEARCH THAT  
17 L.A. COUNTY IS NOT VERY STRONG WHEN IT COME TO TELEMEDICINE  
18 AND ESPECIALLY MENTAL HEALTH. WE HAVE BEEN NOT VERY GOOD ABOUT  
19 PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH, ESPECIALLY TO OUR YOUTH. AND I THINK  
20 THAT YOU NEED TO REALLY LOOK AT IT AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE  
21 CONTRACTS YOU ARE ENGAGING IN ARE REALLY GOING TO PROVIDE THE  
22 CARE. AND THIS MORNING IN THE L.A. TIMES, IT WAS AN ARTICLE  
23 HAVING TO DO WITH FOSTER YOUTH, WHO ALSO IMPLIES THAT THOSE  
24 FOSTER YOUTH ARE NOT RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH AND SO ON. SO,  
25 PLEASE LOOK AT IT, AND BEFORE YOU WRITE MORE CONTRACTS, MAKE

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1 SURE THEY PROVIDE WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE. THANK YOU.

2 AND I WILL COME BACK FOR ITEM 6, WHICH IS BEING HELD. THANK  
3 YOU.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
8 ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEMS 1-D, 3-D, 1-P, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15,  
9 17, 22, 25, 27, 30, 35, 42 AND 45.

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11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
12 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY,  
13 MEMBERS, WE ALSO HAVE AN ITEM HELD BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE  
14 AUDIENCE. AND THIS IS ITEM NO. 18, AND I'LL CALL UP SPEAKERS  
15 ANTHONY MARINELLI, ALLAN GELBARD, MORGAN HUMPHREY, JOSEPH  
16 PETITT, REGINA MUNDEKIS, MARIO RAMOS, MARIO GARCIA RAMOS, AND  
17 PEAU -- I HOPE I'M PRONOUNCING THIS RIGHT -- POROTESANO, BRIAN  
18 BROOKS, LISA GOMEZ, JUDITH ST. JOHN, DEBRA MARTIN, AND RON  
19 VANDERMOLLEN AND SAMUEL THARPE.

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21 **ANTHONY MARINELLI:** HELLO. I'M AN L.A. NATIVE, AND I LOVE THIS  
22 CITY. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE I KNOW.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, DO YOU WANT TO STATE YOUR NAME,  
25 PLEASE?

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2   **ANTHONY MARINELLI:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY MARINELLI. I AM AN L.A.  
3   NATIVE, AND I LOVE THIS CITY. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE I KNOW WHERE  
4   I CAN PICK UP THE PHONE AND FIND SOMEONE THAT'S THE BEST AT  
5   ALMOST ANYTHING. THE CITY ATTRACTS GREATNESS. AND I WAS BORN  
6   HERE AND I GREW UP IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND I NOW HAVE  
7   THREE CHILDREN HERE. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITIES AND  
8   DIVERSITY HERE. PROFESSIONALLY, I'VE COMPOSED MUSIC IN OVER 80  
9   FILMS. I'VE BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THE L.A. PHIL, PERFORMED AT  
10   THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, WORKED WITH MICHAEL JACKSON ON "THRILLER,"  
11   LIONEL RICHIE ON "CAN'T SLOW DOWN," PRODUCED AND PERFORMED  
12   WITH RECORD MOGUL HERB ALPERT, A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST IN THE  
13   CITY. I HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF MUSICAL CREDITS. AS AN EMPLOYER  
14   AND PROPERTY OWNER IN HOLLYWOOD, I WAS PART OF THE CITY'S ARTS  
15   AND ENTERTAINMENT REDEVELOPMENT FROM 1993 TO 2007. MY COMPANY  
16   HOUSED "AMERICAN IDOL", "THE BACHELOR," ALL THE M.T.V. MOVIE  
17   AWARDS, A LOT OF POP CULTURE AWARDS. I'VE BEEN A SEASON-TICKET  
18   HOLDER AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION, THE DISNEY CONCERT  
19   HALL, THE AHMANSON, THE L.A. DODGERS. I SUPPORT ALL THE ARTS.  
20   I APPLAUD THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR  
21   THEIR EFFORT FOR POSITIONING L.A. AS THE WORLD MECCA FOR  
22   CULTURE AND ATTRACTING INNOVATORS AND UNIQUELY TALENTED PEOPLE  
23   TO BUILD THE UNIQUELY WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE HERE,  
24   ESPECIALLY THE LATEST ADDITION, THE BROAD MUSEUM. I'M HERE TO  
25   ENCOURAGE THE CITY TO MAKE THE SAME EFFORT FOR ELECTRONIC



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1 MUSIC. IT'S UNIQUELY IMPORTANT TO OUR YOUTH, AND IT REALLY IS  
2 THE MUSIC OF OUR TIME FOR EVERYONE IN 2016. IT'S AN INTEGRAL  
3 PART OF AND FILM AND TELEVISION MUSIC TODAY, AND IT'S LEADING  
4 THE WAY IN ALL GENRES OF POPULAR MUSIC AND CULTURE. COMPUTERS  
5 AND VIDEOS ARE INTEGRAL TO HOW WE LEARN AND HOW WE DO  
6 BUSINESS. ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVALS ARE AN EXPRESSION AND  
7 OFTEN A SNAPSHOT OF WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS  
8 TECHNOLOGY. FESTIVALS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF CURRENT  
9 ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AND A DRIVING FORCE. AS A PARENT AND GOOD  
10 NEIGHBOR, I DON'T WANT TO SEE OUR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS  
11 HAVING TO LEAVE THE CITY LIMITS TO GATHER. WE NEED THEM HERE,  
12 AND WE NEED THEM SAFE. OUR CIVIC LEADERS, LOCAL BUSINESSES,  
13 TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, AND DONORS SHOULD SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY  
14 TO BE REPRESENTED AT THESE EVENTS.

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT  
17 WITNESS, PLEASE.

18

19 **ALLAN GELBARD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ALLAN GELBARD. I'M A  
20 FIRST AMENDMENT ATTORNEY. I'M ON THE BOARD OF THE LEGAL  
21 ADVISORY ATTORNEY FOR THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC ALLIANCE. I'M ALSO  
22 A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF ARTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
23 I'M ALSO AN ELECTRONIC MUSICIAN AND A FAN OF THE E.D.M.  
24 CULTURE. INITIALLY I'D LIKE TO COMPLIMENT THE BOARD ON  
25 CONSTITUTING THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE AS OPPOSED TO

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1 SIMPLY RESPONDING WITH A KNEE-JERK REACTION. INITIALLY MY  
2 CONCERNS WITH THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WAS THAT BY TARGETING  
3 ONLY ELECTRONIC DANCE MUSIC TYPES OF EVENTS AND ALLOWING OTHER  
4 TYPES OF FESTIVALS TO OCCUR, THERE WOULD BE A STRONG FIRST  
5 AMENDMENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERN THERE. BY APPLYING THESE  
6 RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALL DIFFERENT TYPES OF FESTIVAL  
7 EVENTS, MY CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS ARE LARGELY ALLEVIATED. WE  
8 BELIEVE THESE TYPES OF EVENTS CAN BE SAFE, CAN BE BENEFICIAL  
9 TO SOCIETY, AND THAT WHEN PROPERLY REGULATED AND PROPERLY  
10 CONTROLLED, THAT THEY ARE A BENEFIT TO SOCIETY, NOT A  
11 HINDRANCE. I WANT TO COMPLIMENT THE COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS. I  
12 PARTICIPATED IN, I BELIEVE, 7 OF THE 9 MEETINGS. THEY WERE ALL  
13 VERY WILLING TO LISTEN, VERY UNDERSTANDING, RESPONDED TO  
14 ACTUAL FACTS, NOT INNUENDO. I THINK THE SUGGESTIONS THE BOARD  
15 HAS BEFORE IT THIS MORNING, WHILE MAYBE NOT PERFECT, ARE  
16 ACCEPTABLE TO ALL CONCERNED, OR SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL  
17 CONCERNED. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT NOT TO LET THE PERFECT  
18 BE THE DETRACTOR FROM THE GOOD. CERTAINLY THERE ARE THINGS  
19 THAT CAN BE DONE, AND THE RESPONSIBLE E.D.M. PROMOTERS WILL  
20 WORK WITH THE CITY AND WORK WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES GOING  
21 FORWARD TO MAKE THEIR EVENTS SAFER. BUT THE PROPOSAL THAT'S  
22 BEFORE THE BOARD THUS FAR TODAY GOES A LONG WAY TO MAKING  
23 THESE EVENTS BETTER. I NOTE THAT UP ON THE WALL THERE, THE  
24 COUNTY IS FOUNDED ON FREE ENTERPRISE, CHERISH AND HELP  
25 PRESERVE IT. I THINK THAT THAT'S A VERY APPLICABLE STATEMENT

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1 TO BE MADE HERE. THESE TYPES OF EVENTS DRAW A SIGNIFICANT  
2 AMOUNT OF REVENUE INTO THE COUNTY. I THINK THE BOARD SHOULD  
3 PROTECT THEM, NURTURE THEM, AND, IN FACT, YOU MIGHT EVEN WANT  
4 TO COME OUT TO A FEW OF THEM. I THINK YOU'D FIND YOURSELF  
5 HAVING A DARN GOOD TIME. THANK YOU.

6

7 **MORGAN HUMPHREY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MORGAN HUMPHREY, AND I'M  
8 REPRESENTING THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. THE DRUG POLICY  
9 ALLIANCE URGES THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE ALL THREE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL  
11 TASKFORCE. D.P.A. PLAYED A ROLE WITHIN TWO OF THE ELECTRONIC  
12 MUSIC FESTIVAL TASKFORCE COMMITTEES, THE BEST PRACTICES AND  
13 EDUCATION, AS WELL AS THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC COMMUNITY  
14 COMMITTEES. THE RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY ALL OF THE  
15 COMMITTEES ARE SUPPORTED BY D.P.A. EXCEPT TWO. LAW ENFORCEMENT  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS NO. 6 AND 7, WHICH ENCOURAGE THE USE OF  
17 UNIFORM AND UNDERCOVER POLICE TO PERFORM SEARCHES BOTH INSIDE  
18 AND OUTSIDE THE VENUE AND THE USE OF DRUG-SNIFFING DOGS WILL  
19 NOT DETER PEOPLE FROM BRINGING OR USING DRUGS AT THESE EVENTS  
20 AND THEREFORE HAVE NO IMPACT ON SAFETY. DRUG POSSESSION  
21 ARRESTS CAUSE A GREAT HARM TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND HIS OR HER  
22 FAMILY, AND ALSO, THE USE OF DRUG-SNIFFING DOGS ALSO CAUSES  
23 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE SEE THE USE OF THESE  
24 DOGS, SOME TEND TO TAKE ALL OF THEIR SUBSTANCES AT ONCE. IN  
25 ADDITION, THE INACCURACY OF DRUG-SNIFFING DOGS HAS BEEN PROVEN

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1 TIME AND TIME AGAIN. THESE TWO SINGLE RECOMMENDATIONS ASIDE,  
2 DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
3 DEVELOPED, PARTICULARLY THOSE FOCUSED ON EDUCATION AND HEALTH.  
4 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE THE BEST POTENTIAL TO MAKE NOT JUST  
5 FUTURE ELECTRONIC MUSIC EVENTS BUT ALL MASS GATHERINGS IN L.A.  
6 COUNTY MUCH SAFER FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD  
7 OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDER GOING BEYOND THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
8 MAKE THE CONTENTS OF AMNESTY BOXES AVAILABLE FOR TESTING AND  
9 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE, AND  
10 OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS TO INSURE THE TESTING, WHICH  
11 MEANS DRUG CHECKING, HAPPENS ON SITE AT THE EVENT. THAT WAY,  
12 AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM WOULD BE DEVELOPED AND WOULD HAVE A  
13 HUGE IMPACT ON REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES OR  
14 DEATHS RELATED TO UNKNOWN SUBSTANCES. AND FINALLY, WE CALL  
15 ATTENTION TO ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY  
16 AT THE BOARD, THAT AN ONGOING WORKGROUP BE CREATED IN ORDER TO  
17 ASSESS OUTCOMES AND UPDATE RECOMMENDATIONS AS NEEDED. NOT ONLY  
18 DOES THE DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE STAND READY TO ASSIST IN THE  
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL TASKFORCE  
20 RECOMMENDATIONS IMMEDIATELY AND GOING FORWARD, BUT WE WILL BE  
21 PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A WORKING GROUP AS WE HAVE FOR  
22 THIS 2015 TASKFORCE AND THE 2010 TASKFORCE BEFORE IT. THANK  
23 YOU.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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1

2 **REGINA MUNDEKIS:** GOOD MORNING, I AM REGINA MUNDEKIS. THANK YOU  
3 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU ON THIS MATTER. I SUPPORT  
4 THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL  
5 TASKFORCE. I REQUEST THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED IN THE  
6 LETTER SENT BY THE GROUP PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BE MADE PART  
7 OF THE ORDINANCE. THE ELECTRONIC MUSICAL TASKFORCE  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD ALSO BE ADOPTED BY OTHER COUNTIES,  
9 CITIES, AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING STATE-OWNED FAIRGROUNDS, TO  
10 PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THANK YOU AND  
11 STAFF FOR YOUR IMPORTANT WORK ON THIS MATTER AND HAVE A GREAT  
12 DAY.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

15

16 **MARIO RAMOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIO RAMOS FROM POMONA  
17 DISTRICT 6. AND I SEE A LOT OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE FROM L.A.  
18 CARE HEALTH PLAN'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AND I KNOW WHERE YOU  
19 GUYS HANG OUT. BUT GOING TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
20 TASKFORCE, I THINK THE TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE PRETTY  
21 SOLID AND GOOD FOR US. WE DID SUBMIT, OUR GROUP, PROTECT OUR  
22 NEIGHBORHOODS, SOME ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WOULD  
23 PROBABLY ENHANCE IT AND MAKE IT BETTER, THINGS LIKE THE CHECK  
24 POINTS ON D.U.I.S WOULD BE REALLY EFFECTIVE ON TRYING TO DETER  
25 THE DRUG-INFESTED THAT YOU FIND IN THESE CONCERTS. THE

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1 EDUCATION MATERIAL, WHICH IS REALLY CRITICAL IN ALL OF THIS,  
2 COMING FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR, AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE FOR  
3 THE LAST 20 YEARS, INFORMATION'S REALLY CRITICAL TO THE  
4 ADVERSE EFFECT THAT THESE DRUGS MAY HAVE. BUT I WOULD TAKE IT  
5 ONE STEP FURTHER. ANY OF THESE EVENTS THAT ARE CONDUCTED ON  
6 COUNTY LAND SHOULD HAVE THIS INFORMATION DISSEMINATED IN OTHER  
7 LANGUAGES OTHER THAN JUST ENGLISH, AND IT SHOULD BE VERY, VERY  
8 VISIBLE. AND IT SHOULD BE PROBABLY DRIVEN BY NONPROFITS IN THE  
9 LOCAL AREA, IF IT'S POSSIBLE. ON ANOTHER NOTE, THIS IS  
10 SOMETHING -- THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT OUR GROUP HAS TAKING ON FOR  
11 QUITE SOME TIME NOW AND WE'VE TRIED OUR BEST TO ADDRESS THIS  
12 ISSUE WITH DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OUR  
13 LEADERSHIP. I'M THE ONE THAT FILED THE APPEAL OF THE HARD  
14 SUMMER THAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT CONCERT WHICH LED TO THE  
15 DEATH OF TWO FEMALES THAT WERE IN COLLEGE. AND SOMETHING LIKE  
16 THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. MY APPEAL WAS ACTUALLY NEVER HEARD. IT  
17 WAS ACTUALLY REJECTED. I PAID THE \$900. I DID THE PETITION. I  
18 DID EVERYTHING THEY ASKED OF ME, AND IT WAS STILL REJECTED.  
19 THUS, TAKING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FAIRPLEX HAS BEEN A  
20 VERY, VERY HARD TASK TO DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

23

24 **PEAU POROTESANO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS PEAU POROTESANO. I'M A  
25 CURRENT SOPHOMORE AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, AND I'M HERE TO

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1 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE TASKFORCE.  
2 SO, COLLEGE STUDENTS, THEY'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A BREAK FROM  
3 CLASSWORK, FROM EXTRACURRICULARS, WHATEVER IT MAY BE. AND AS  
4 OF LATE, THESE RAVES HAVE GROWN IN POPULARITY, BUT FOR THE  
5 WRONG REASON, I BELIEVE. THEY'VE BECOME SORT OF BREEDING  
6 GROUNDS FOR DRUG USE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. AND I KNOW STUDENTS  
7 ARE WILLING TO GO FAR AND WIDE TO ENGAGE IN THESE RISKY  
8 BEHAVIORS, AND THE FACT THAT IT'S LOCAL AND THEY HAVE SUCH  
9 EASY ACCESS, IT'S KIND OF SCARY. AND SO, MY HOPE IS THAT THESE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION TO MAKE THEM  
11 HARDER TO ACCESS AND JUST KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFER. SO, THANK  
12 YOU.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

15

16 **JOSEPH PETITT:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME'S JOSEPH  
17 PETITT, AND I REPRESENT STUDENTS FOR SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY AT  
18 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH. S.S.D.P. SUPPORTS ALL  
19 THREE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC TASKFORCE.  
20 S.S.D.P. PARTICIPATED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF BEST PRACTICES  
21 AND MESSAGING. HOWEVER, S.S.D.P. OPPOSES ONE OF THE  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NO. 3, WHICH IS  
23 THE ZERO-TOLERANCE DRUG-POSSESSION POLICY THAT IS STRICTLY  
24 ENFORCED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. CONSIDER THE EFFECTS OF ZERO-  
25 TOLERANCE DRUG POLICIES. COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES HAVE BEEN



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1 ARRESTS, REVERBERATE NOT THROUGH THE ARRESTEE'S FAMILY BUT  
2 THROUGH THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. THE MONETARY COST OF AN ARREST IS  
3 A USEFUL EXAMPLE. THE RAND CORPORATION STUDY ESTIMATED THAT  
4 THE AVERAGE COST OF A MISDEMEANOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION ARREST  
5 IN 2010 IN CALIFORNIA WAS \$6,000, WHICH INCLUDED THE COST OF  
6 BOOKING, TIME IN HOLDING, AND ADJUDICATION FOR THE OFFENSE.  
7 THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT COST TO TAXPAYERS, WHICH COULD BE  
8 AVOIDED THROUGH AN EVALUATION OF THE GOALS AND A RE-DIRECTION  
9 OF RESOURCES. TAKING THE DRUGS AND REMOVING THE INDIVIDUAL  
10 FROM THE EVENT HAS A ZERO COST TO TAXPAYERS. THOSE COSTS FALL  
11 TO THE EVENT PROMOTERS. L.A. COUNTY VOTERS VOICE THEIR  
12 DISAPPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL COSTS AND HARSH CONSEQUENCES FOR  
13 NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENDERS IN THEIR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF  
14 PROPOSITION 47. LAW ENFORCEMENT ATTENTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED  
15 TO THOSE CARRYING WEAPONS, THREATENING OR ENGAGING IN  
16 VIOLENCE, AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. SUCH BEHAVIORS CAN  
17 LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT AND LIFE-THREATENING CONSEQUENCES TO EVENT  
18 PATRONS, AS WELL AS ONES THAT DID NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.  
19 ARRESTS ACTUALLY INCREASE RECIDIVISM AND CAN RESULT IN  
20 INCARCERATION, WHICH FUELS POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION, AS  
21 HAVING A CRIMINAL RECORD CAN NEGATIVELY AFFECT ACCESS TO  
22 FUTURE EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HOUSING, AND EXERCISING CIVIL  
23 RIGHTS SUCH AS VOTING. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN ZERO-TOLERANCE  
24 POLICIES HAVE ALSO CONSISTENTLY DOCUMENTED SOCIAL-CLASS AND  
25 RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN THEIR APPLICATION.

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1

2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

3

4 **MIGUEL GARCIA RAMOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MIGUEL GARCIA  
5 RAMOS. I'M A SOPHOMORE AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, AND I'M HERE  
6 TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR ALL THE TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS. AS A  
7 COLLEGE STUDENT, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT MANY PEOPLE GO TO  
8 THESE MUSIC FESTIVALS BECAUSE THEY ARE FILLED WITH DRUGS. AS A  
9 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF POMONA, I THINK IT'S VITALLY WORK TO  
10 KEEP DRUGS OUT OF OUR UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES, AS IT  
11 ALREADY HAS A HIGH POVERTY RATE AND HIGH DRUG-USE RATE. AND I  
12 HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK TO KEEP DRUGS OUT OF OUR  
13 CITIES, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND AWAY FROM OUR YOUTH IN THE  
14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND AROUND THE COUNTRY. THANK YOU VERY  
15 MUCH.

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. SIR?

18

19 **BRIAN BROOKS:** MY NAME IS BRIAN BROOKS, AND I LIVE 180 FEET  
20 SOUTH OF GATE 19. I'M HERE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE PEOPLE SAY  
21 THERE'S NO COST FOR THIS DRUG USE AT THE RAVES. THERE'S A  
22 TREMENDOUS COST, BOTH IN TRAFFIC, IN NOISE, AND IN INJURIES  
23 FROM THE PEOPLE WHO LEAVE WHILE THEY'RE STILL HIGH AND CLIMB  
24 BACK INTO CARS AND DRIVE AROUND. I DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO  
25 GATHER THAT DATA, BUT IT'S THERE. IT CAN BE GATHERED. THE

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1 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ATTENDED THESE EVENTS THIS PAST YEAR HAVE  
2 SOMETIMES BEEN FOUND PASSED OUT ON LAWNS THE NEXT DAY. I  
3 COMMEND CHAIRMAN FORD FOR HIS TASKFORCE. I THINK HE DID AN  
4 EXCELLENT JOB. I LIKE WHAT THEY DID. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT  
5 THEY WITHDREW THE SECOND PART OF HIS CHARTER, TO DECIDE  
6 WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE SUCH EVENTS ON COUNTY PROPERTY.  
7 I KNOW THE COUNTY AS PROPERTY OWNER HAS A RIGHT TO DECIDE  
8 WHAT'S THERE AND WHAT'S NOT THERE. I KNOW THEY'VE SELECTED  
9 GUNS TO SAY YOU CAN'T HAVE IT ON COUNTY PROPERTIES, GUN SHOWS  
10 AND SUCH, EVEN THOUGH THOSE ARE LEGAL. DRUGS ARE NOT LEGAL,  
11 AND THE TASKFORCE TESTIFIED, PEOPLE AT THE TASKFORCE TESTIFIED  
12 THAT IT WOULD TAKE ONE POLICEMAN PER ATTENDEE INSTEAD OF 1 FOR  
13 EVERY 250 ATTENDEES. AND EVEN THEN, THERE WOULD STILL BE SOME  
14 DRUG USE. THERE'S A 60-BED MASS UNIT EMERGENCY SETUP FOR THE  
15 RAVE. THAT'S AN INDICATION THE COUNTY IS WELL ON NOTICE THERE  
16 WILL BE INJURIES, OVERDOSES, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES. THE LAST  
17 THING I WANT TO SAY IS THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY -- OR THE  
18 FAIRPLEX HAS REMOVED 4-H FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS, BUT THEY STILL  
19 ALLOW RAVES. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

22  
23 **LISA GOMEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LISA GOMEZ, AND I LIVE IN  
24 THE CITY OF POMONA. I OPPOSE ALL ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVALS,  
25 OR ALSO KNOWN AS RAVES, HELD ON COUNTY LAND DUE TO THE DRUGS,

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1 DRINKING, AND THE ENVIRONMENT IT BRINGS, WHICH IS NEVER SAFE.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **JUDITH ST. JOHN:** MY NAME IS JUDITH ST. JOHN. I LIVE IN POMONA  
7 NEAR THE FAIRGROUNDS. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT ECSTASY IS A  
8 SCHEDULE 1 ILLEGAL DRUG. IT'S THE DRUG OF CHOICE FOR RAVE  
9 GOERS. ECSTASY KILLS. TWO YOUNG WOMEN DIED AT THE HARD SUMMER  
10 EVENT AUGUST 1ST AT THE POMONA FAIRGROUNDS. BUT THE DEATHS  
11 AREN'T THE ONLY INJURIES. THERE CAN BE LONG-TERM INJURIES AS A  
12 RESULT. AND I THINK ONE PROBLEM IS THE COUNTY IS AT THIS POINT  
13 UNAWARE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 1,290 PEOPLE WHO WERE TREATED  
14 ON-SITE IN TRIAGE THAT WEEKEND. I HEAR IT'S SAID THAT, "OH,  
15 NOT EVERYBODY WAS THERE BECAUSE OF SYMPTOMS OF DRUG OVERDOSE."  
16 WELL, HOW DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY WERE THERE FOR SYMPTOMS OF DRUG  
17 OVERDOSE? HOW MANY WERE THERE BECAUSE THEY STUBBED A TOE? I  
18 THINK THOSE RECORDS NEED TO BE KEPT. THEY NEED TO BE AVAILABLE  
19 TO YOU. AND IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE THEM MADE PUBLIC. IN NEW  
20 YORK, NEW YORK CITY HAD AN EVENT CALLED ELECTRIC ZOO. AND THEY  
21 KEPT RECORDS OF THE 22 WHO WERE TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITALS. AND  
22 THERE WERE, OF THE 22, THERE WERE SOME WERE TREATED FOR  
23 TEMPERATURE ABOVE 102. ECSTASY CAN MAKE THE TEMPERATURE GO UP  
24 TO 109. AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, IT MELTS ORGANS. 14 WERE THERE  
25 FOR ABNORMALLY FAST HEART RATE, 5 FOR LOW SODIUM, 4 FOR ACUTE

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1 KIDNEY INJURY, 7 FOR BREAKDOWN OF MUSCLE, 6 FOR SEIZURE, 5 HAD  
2 TO BE PUT ON A VENTILATOR, AND 5 WERE ADMITTED INTO INTENSIVE  
3 CARE. I THINK IT WOULD BEHOOVE YOU TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO  
4 THOSE AFTER THEY'RE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL, THE ONES WHO  
5 MAKE IT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. THANK YOU.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE ALSO CALLED UP  
8 DEBRA MARTIN, RON VANDERMOLEN, SAMUEL THARPE, ERIC PREVEN,  
9 ARNOLD SACHS, AND MYRON QUON. GO AHEAD. WELCOME.

10

11 **DEBRA MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

14

15 **DEBRA MARTIN:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS DEBRA  
16 MARTIN, AND I AM THE CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT  
17 6, WHICH PRESIDES OVER FAIRPLEX. AND I WANT TO FIRST THANK  
18 HILDA SOLIS FOR BRINGING IT TO THIS LEVEL, BECAUSE WE'VE  
19 LEARNED SO MUCH SINCE LAST SUMMER, AND IT'S ALL ABOUT THE  
20 SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH  
21 FOR THAT. I SAT ON THE TASKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION.  
22 AND I WANT TO THANK THE TASKFORCE FOR DOING SUCH AN AMAZING  
23 JOB WITH ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS. I REALLY FEEL THAT  
24 EVERYTHING IS -- I RECOMMEND EVERYTHING ON IT, EXCEPT FOR A  
25 NEW ADDED ADDITION THAT I DON'T SUPPORT. AND THAT IS HAVING A

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1 CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW ON EVENTS OVER 10,000. AND THE ONLY REASON  
2 WHY I SAY THAT IS THERE ARE R.V. SHOWS, THERE ARE DIFFERENT  
3 P.U.S.D. SHOWS THAT GO ON THAT IF EACH EVENT THAT'S OVER  
4 10,000 POPULATION IS BEING REVIEWED, THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO  
5 RESERVE THAT BUILDING, BECAUSE IF IT'S NOT PASSED, I MEAN,  
6 IT'S JUST A REALLY DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THE FUTURE FOR THE  
7 FAIRPLEX TO BE SUCCESSFUL. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M GLAD I  
8 HAVE A VOICE TODAY, BECAUSE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OVER THE  
9 FAIRPLEX, MANY, MANY TIMES I'VE TRIED TO HAVE A VOICE WITH MY  
10 COMMUNITY. I'VE HAD MANY COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN REGARDS TO IT  
11 TO MAKE SURE TO SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE REALLY IMPACTED, AND I  
12 WOULD SEND OUT A THOUSAND INVITATIONS EACH TIME. I'M SORRY.  
13 I'M ALREADY EXPIRED. BUT I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THIS. OUT OF MY  
14 4 COMMUNITY MEETINGS, OVER A THOUSAND INVITATIONS, I ONLY HAD  
15 APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 12 RESIDENTS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE RAVES  
16 THAT OCCURRED FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, COUNCILWOMAN. NEXT  
19 WITNESS, PLEASE.

20

21 **RON VANDERMOLEN:** MY NAME IS RON VANDERMOLEN. I AM A LONG-TIME  
22 RESIDENT OF POMONA. I LIVE ABOUT A THOUSAND FEET AWAY FROM THE  
23 FAIR FOR OVER 20 YEARS. I WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE GANESHA  
24 HILLS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, AND I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH  
25 MANY ASPECTS OF CONTROLLING AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S HAPPENING

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1 AT THE FAIR. I SUPPORT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WITH THIS ORDINANCE.  
2 IT'S VERY COMMON-SENSE, AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A  
3 STANDARD THAT CAN BE HELD UP THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS FAR AS  
4 REGULATIONS GOVERNING E.D.M.S. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GO AWAY,  
5 BUT WE WANT TO MAKE THEM SAFE. WE WANT TO MAKE THEM SAFE FOR  
6 OUR CHILDREN, FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, AND GOVERNING THEM IN A  
7 WAY THAT'S SANE AND IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH OF THE  
8 PARTICIPANTS IS WHAT'S PARAMOUNT. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO VOICE,  
9 THOUGH, IS MY OPPOSITION TO THE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
10 ARE HAPPENING AS FAR AS ANYTHING OVER 10,000 IN EVENTS  
11 HAPPENING AT THE FAIR. IT'S GOING TO SLOW DOWN THE MOST  
12 DYNAMIC ENGINE IN POMONA, WITHOUT A DOUBT, BECAUSE THE FAIR IS  
13 CONSTANTLY HAVING THESE EVENTS THAT ARE REALLY A TRUE ENGINE  
14 FOR POMONA. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED FOR 20 YEARS. I'M A FORMER  
15 PLANNING COMMISSIONER FOR POMONA. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE  
16 KEEP THIS DYNAMIC ENGINE THAT IS THE FAIRPLEX OPERATING. I  
17 HAVE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH THINGS AND NOISE OF THAT NATURE,  
18 BUT WE HAVE THINGS LIKE THE LEARNING CENTERS AND THE C.T.E.C.  
19 PROGRAMS THAT ARE PHENOMENAL FOR OUR CITY AND FOR OUR  
20 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. AND WE NEED THAT DYNAMIC ENGINE THAT  
21 REALLY IS DRIVING WHAT IS POMONA AS WE MOVE FORWARD. I  
22 ENCOURAGE YOU. THERE ARE MANY, MANY RESIDENTS, A VAST MAJORITY  
23 THAT SUPPORT THE FAIRPLEX. AND I JUST WANT TO BE  
24 REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT NUMBER. WHEN YOU DON'T HEAR THEM  
25 SQUEAK, BECAUSE THEY DON'T SEE A PROBLEM. AND YOU SEE A SMALL



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1 MINORITY THAT IS SQUEAKING. AND I JUST WANT TO POINT THAT OUT.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

5

6 **SAM THARPE:** YES, MY NAME IS SAM THARPE. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
7 POMONA, 1849 YORBA DRIVE. I ACTUALLY LIVE ON THE BACK SIDE OF  
8 THE FAIRGROUNDS. I WAS ALSO THE PRINCIPAL THERE FOR 16 YEARS  
9 WITHIN THAT RESIDENCE OF THE FAIRGROUNDS. AND THE FAIRGROUNDS  
10 HAVE ALWAYS OPENED THEIR DOORS TO ALL OF OUR CHILDREN FOR THE  
11 LAST 16 YEARS I WAS THERE. AND WE CALL THAT THE LARGEST  
12 CLASSROOM IN THE WORLD. WE WALK OVER AND DO EDUCATIONAL THINGS  
13 AND RIDE THE RIDES. I HAVE NEVER REALLY HAD A PROBLEM WITH  
14 NOISE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN VERY WELL ABOUT COMING BY AND  
15 KNOCKING ON OUR DOORS AND SAYING WE ARE GOING TO PUT MONITOR  
16 BOXES OUT ON YOUR STREET TO MONITOR THE MUSIC AND THE NOISE OF  
17 THE FAIR. IF YOU HAVE ANY NOISE FROM THE MUSIC, WE WILL TELL  
18 THE PERFORMERS TO CUT IT DOWN, BECAUSE IT REACHED A CERTAIN  
19 LEVEL IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO I'M RIGHT ON THE FAIRGROUND,  
20 BASICALLY. I COULD THROW A ROCK AND JUST KIND OF HIT THE  
21 PARKING LOT. SO, I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIR. THEY'VE BEEN  
22 GREAT TO ME FOR THE LAST 20-SOMETHING YEARS SINCE I'VE LIVED  
23 THERE. THANK YOU.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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2 **MYRON QUON:** GOOD MORNING. MYRON QUON FOR NATIONAL ASIAN  
3 PACIFIC AMERICAN FAMILIES AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE. GREETINGS  
4 TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND CHAIR SOLIS. GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND  
5 BE HERE ONE MORE TIME TO SPEAK UPON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO  
6 THE COUNTY. WE SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED ITEM 18. IN  
7 PARTICULAR, WE ARE SUPPORTING STRONGLY THE SECTION CONCERNING  
8 EDUCATION. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE DIFFERENT  
9 STAKEHOLDERS THAT INCLUDE ASIAN AMERICANS, LATINOS, AND  
10 L.G.B.T.Q. FOLKS, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE ARE FOLKS WHO  
11 ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN MANY WAYS BOTH AT THE EVENTS AND IN  
12 TERMS OF AT-RISK FOR DRUG OVERDOSE AND WHAT HAVE YOU. IN  
13 ADDITION TO SEEKING TO SUPPORT THE SECTION CONCERNING  
14 EDUCATION, WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER IN  
15 THE FUTURE HOW BEST TO LINK UP INCREASED FUNDING OR DIRECT THE  
16 FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO WORK ON  
17 PREVENTION, BECAUSE PREVENTION IS THE BEST WAY TO TRY AND  
18 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. I'VE SPOKEN TO MANY OF THE OTHER FOLKS WHO  
19 ARE TESTIFYING TODAY. AND, AGAIN, FOR SURE THAT PREVENTION,  
20 PREVENTION, PREVENTION IS "THE" BEST WAY TO ENSURE THAT WE  
21 DON'T HAVE ANY MORE DRUG OVERDOSES AT ANY SORT OF EVENTS.  
22 FINALLY, I ALSO WANTED TO DO A PUSH, AS WELL, FOR CULTURALLY  
23 COMPETENT AND LIKE LINGUISTICALLY ACCESSIBLE SERVICES. ONE OF  
24 THE PRIOR SPEAKERS MENTIONED HAVING THINGS IN LANGUAGE. FOR  
25 SURE, YOU ALSO NEED TO HAVE THE NONPROFIT PARTNERS, AS

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1 INDICATED IN THE EDUCATION SECTION, WHO ARE THE LEADERS ON  
2 CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND BEING BEST ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOUNG  
3 FOLKS, HAVE THEM BE THE ONES TO HELP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
4 COUNTY IN TERMS OF CREATING ANY SORT OF MESSAGING USING SOCIAL  
5 MEDIA AND WHAT HAVE YOU. FINALLY, I'M THE ONLY PERSON FROM THE  
6 COALITION REPRESENTING ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS  
7 THAT COULD BE HERE TODAY, SO I HAVE TO DO A SHOUT OUT TO ASIAN  
8 YOUTH CENTER, ASIAN AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM, KOREATOWN  
9 COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE ASIA PACIFIC AND PLANNING COUNCIL,  
10 WHO'S HERE OFTEN, IN TERMS OF THEY, TOO, WERE ALSO PART OF THE  
11 COALITION TO BE AT THE MEETINGS AND TO SUPPORT THIS AGENDA  
12 ITEM. THANK YOU.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS, ERIC  
15 PREVEN?

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
18 AND THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF, OBVIOUSLY, THOUGHT ABOUT THIS  
19 ISSUE. AND WHEN YOU HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH MUSIC, OF  
20 COURSE THERE IS A GREAT ENTHUSIASM. AND CLEARLY WHAT WE HAVE  
21 HERE IS THIS KIND OF SUBSTANCE THAT CAN BE SEVERELY  
22 PROBLEMATIC. AND SO, I THINK GOING FORWARD, THERE IS -- THIS  
23 IS 10,000 EVENTS, EVENTS THAT HAVE 10,000 PEOPLE OR LARGER  
24 WILL GET A SPECIAL LOOK IF YOU APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE TO DO  
25 SO. AND OBVIOUSLY, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT SAYING WE'RE

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1 TARGETING THIS KIND OF EVENT, WE ARE. AND PERHAPS WE SHOULD  
2 BE. THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES, WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT KIDS  
3 TAKING ALL THIS STUFF THAT MAKES THEM FEEL GOOD AND DANCE AND  
4 SO ON AND SO FORTH AND YET HAS GREAT RISKS? WELL, I THINK  
5 EDUCATION IS PROBABLY THE KEY PIECE THERE. AND TO REQUIRE THE  
6 PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING A BLOODY FORTUNE, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AS  
7 YOU RECALL, THERE ARE GROUPS THAT AGGRESSIVELY TRY TO CONDUCT  
8 THIS ACTIVITY AT THE COLISEUM AND OTHERS. YOU HEAR GREAT  
9 LEADERS FROM THE MUSIC COMMUNITY AND OTHERS COMING DOWN HERE  
10 TALKING ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO THE CULTURE. WELL, BUT  
11 WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROVIDE A SERIOUS T.S.A. -- NOT T.S.A., PUT  
12 A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN MUSIC  
13 WHO ARE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN THAT AND  
14 ROLL IT OUT AND FORCE THEM TO ROLL IT OUT IN EXCHANGE FOR  
15 LICENSING THE COUNTY FAIRPLEX AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THIS KIND OF  
16 AN EVENT INTO THE MEDIA AND WITH A SUBSTANTIAL COST, BECAUSE  
17 IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE AT LEAST BE GIVEN THAT  
18 INFORMATION. AND READING ABOUT A DEATH EVERY YEAR OR TWO IS  
19 DISTURBING AND UPSETTING, BUT IT'S NOT CUTTING IT. WE NEED TO  
20 MAKE YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW AND AWARE THAT THIS CAN BE HARMFUL  
21 ACTIVITY, BUT THAT THERE'S ALSO LOTS OF GOOD ACTIVITY THAT  
22 TAKES PLACE IN AND AROUND THAT HARMFUL ACTIVITY. I THINK ALL  
23 THE WATER, PROVIDING WATER AND SERVICES AND ALL THAT STUFF IS  
24 APPROPRIATE. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SOLUTION IS ON THIS.  
25 THANKS.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD  
5 SACHS. AND THIS OVERSIGHT ON PROPERTY YET NO OVERSIGHT ON THE  
6 NONPROFIT THAT OVERSEES THE PROPERTY. YOUR CONCEPT OF HAVING  
7 THIS TASKFORCE TO DEAL WITH DRUG OVERDOSING. YOU KNOW LEAD  
8 POISONING, NOT THE PAINT-CHIP LEAD POISONING, BUT THE LEAD IN  
9 BULLET IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO A LOT OF DEATHS IN L.A.  
10 COUNTY AND IN THE CITY. DO YOU HAVE ANY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON  
11 LEAD POISONING AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUTH IN L.A.? THE COLISEUM,  
12 THAT'S NOT COUNTY PROPERTY. DODGER STADIUM. BUT YOU HAVE  
13 OVERSIGHT OVER THE COLISEUM, BECAUSE YOU HAVE BANNED RAVES  
14 THERE. AND HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? BECAUSE IT'S STATE PROPERTY.  
15 BUT YOU HAVE OVERSIGHT -- YOU ARE ON THE COLISEUM COMMISSION,  
16 WHICH IS REALLY JUST A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR MAKING MONEY. IT  
17 IS TOO MUCH OVERSIGHT HERE. I MEAN, I GO BACK IN HISTORY, AND  
18 I DON'T MEAN TO BRING UP BAD LANGUAGE OR BAD NEWS, BUT WHITNEY  
19 HOUSTON WAS KNOWN TO HAVE SOMEWHAT OF A DRUG PROBLEM, BUT SHE  
20 MADE A LOT OF MONEY, AND NOBODY ADDRESSED THAT PROBLEM. AND  
21 THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM. IT'S THE PERCEPTION. YOU ARE  
22 EITHER AWARE OF THE DRUGS THAT ARE OUT THERE, THEY'RE AWARE OF  
23 THINGS THAT 10, 15, 20 YEARS AGO THAT COULD BE SYNTHESIZED  
24 INTO MAKING -- GETTING HIGH. THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH ON TOP OF IT.  
25 AND IF THEY'RE GOING TO WANT TO GET HIGH, THEY ARE GOING TO

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1 GET HIGH. AND SO, THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO REALLY WANT TO  
2 PUT A STOP TO IT AND THAT'S GREAT. BUT IT'S KIND OF LIKE  
3 L.A.U.S.D., NOW, YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD IN THE NEWSPAPERS HOW  
4 YOU READ WHERE L.A.U.S.D. IS INCREASING GRADUATION RATES BY  
5 LOWERING THE STANDARDS TO GETTING A D. SO, IT'S THE SAME KIND  
6 OF THING. YOU LOWER THE STANDARDS, AND YOU EXPECT TO GET  
7 PROGRESS. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS YOU NEED TO RAISE THE  
8 STANDARDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU ELECT. THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED  
9 TO DO. AND THEN YOU CAN GET SOME PROGRESS.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE  
12 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER TO GIVE US AN IDEA OF ACTUALLY  
13 WHAT THE TASKFORCE UNDERTOOK BRIEFLY AND WHAT KINDS OF  
14 PRECAUTIONS WE'RE LOOKING AT AS YOUR TASKFORCE WORKS FORWARD  
15 AND WHAT YOU'RE PRESENTING TO US TODAY.

16

17 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND GOOD MORNING TO  
18 ALL OF OUR SUPERVISORS. CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR  
19 PUBLIC HEALTH, AND I AM ACCOMPANIED HERE BY WES FORD, WHO IS  
20 OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH PROMOTION, AND HE CHAIRED THE  
21 TASKFORCE THAT YOUR BOARD REQUESTED US TO PULL TOGETHER BACK  
22 IN SEPTEMBER OF 2015. AND THAT TASKFORCE MET FROM SEPTEMBER  
23 THROUGH DECEMBER. IT WAS A VERY THOUGHTFUL, TRANSPARENT  
24 PROCESS THAT WAS UNDERTOOK TO REVIEW THE PREVIOUS  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE THERE. WE HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONY

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1 FROM MEMBERS OF THE ELECTRONIC MUSIC DANCE COMMUNITY THAT  
2 PARTICIPATED, THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS FROM PEOPLE FROM THE  
3 COMMUNITY, AND WE HAD THE INVOLVEMENT OF EMERGENCY HEALTH  
4 PROFESSIONALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
5 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE POMONA POLICE  
6 DEPARTMENT. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THAT  
7 TASKFORCE FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK IN HELPING COME UP WITH  
8 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND MANY OF THEM YOU HEARD TESTIFY  
9 TODAY. AS PART OF THAT, AND AFTER REVIEWING THOSE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WE THOUGHT WERE EXCELLENT  
11 RECOMMENDATIONS, WE LOOKED AT CONSIDERING A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS  
12 OF APPLICATION, NOT JUST FOR ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVALS, BUT  
13 FOR ALL MASS GATHERINGS ON COUNTY PROPERTY. AND THAT THE CASE-  
14 BY-CASE WOULD ALLOW US TO LOOK AT EACH EVENT, THE NATURE OF  
15 THAT KIND OF EVENT, THE SIZE, THE DURATION, WHAT TIME OF YEAR  
16 IT'S HAPPENING, TO THINK ABOUT THOSE THINGS THAT WOULD PROTECT  
17 SAFETY AND HEALTH, AND TO DO IT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS,  
18 BECAUSE IN SOME EVENTS YOU WOULD WANT MUCH MORE RESTRICTIVE  
19 RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND THE MINIMUM AGE OF PEOPLE ATTENDING,  
20 THE NUMBER OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO THE PEOPLE THAT  
21 WOULD BE ATTENDING, ISSUES AROUND SAFETY, ET CETERA. SO THIS -  
22 - AND THEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW US  
23 AN APPROACH WHICH WOULD BE VERY SIMILAR TO A.B.74, WHICH  
24 ALLOWS A CASE BY CASE CONSIDERATION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY  
25 MEASURES FOR EVENTS WITH EXPECTED ATTENDANCE OVER 10,000



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1 PEOPLE ON STATE PROPERTY. SO, THIS IS WHAT THE BOARD LETTER  
2 THAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU IS RECOMMENDING, THAT WE DEVELOP AN  
3 ORDINANCE SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO REVIEW THESE  
4 RECOMMENDATIONS ON A REGULAR BASIS AS WE HAVE THESE LARGE MASS  
5 EVENTS, TO THINK ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE TO PROTECT  
6 THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ATTENDING THOSE  
7 EVENTS, SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT HAPPENED  
8 LAST SUMMER.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THE QUESTION  
11 RAISED BY SEVERAL WITNESSES REGARDING R.V. EVENTS THAT ATTRACT  
12 A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE? WOULD THAT CREATE -- KICK IN THE  
13 REQUIREMENTS HERE TO SCRUTINIZE SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

14

15 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** AGAIN, I THINK WITH AN R.V. EVENT, YOU'RE NOT  
16 GOING TO WANT TO HAVE AS RESTRICTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AS YOU  
17 WOULD AND ELECTRONIC DANCE FESTIVAL. SO, I THINK THIS ALLOWS  
18 FOR A FLEXIBILITY AS WELL AS FOR MORE RESTRICTIVE ON THOSE  
19 EVENTS THAT WILL NEED TO BE TIGHTER TO PROTECT HEALTH AND  
20 SAFETY.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT, BECAUSE I KNOW A CONCERN OF SOME OF  
23 OUR CONSTITUENTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT WAS IF WE DID PROVIDE  
24 RESTRICTIONS, THAT SOMEHOW WE WOULD IMPACT THE ECONOMIC WELL-  
25 BEING OF THE FAIRPLEX ITSELF. BUT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS

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1 SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD BE LOOKED AT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS  
2 AND IF IT DOESN'T WARRANT THE KIND OF ATTENTION AS AN  
3 ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL, THEN THAT WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY, IT  
4 WOULD BE A DIFFERENCE THERE.

5

6 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** THAT'S EXACTLY CORRECT.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. I ALSO JUST WANT TO SAY  
9 THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT OUR C.E.O.  
10 AND OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
11 HEALTH AND ALL OF THE INITIAL DEPARTMENTS, THE FIRE  
12 DEPARTMENT, AS WELL, THE SHERIFF, AND THE COMMUNITY THAT  
13 PARTOOK IN THE TASKFORCE, BECAUSE THIS TOOK A LONG TIME TO DO.  
14 I DON'T REALLY THINK PEOPLE APPRECIATE THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND  
15 EFFORT IT TOOK AND THE ACTUAL OUT ON THE GROUND TO REVIEW SOME  
16 OF THOSE ONGOING ACTIVITIES THAT WERE HELD AT THE FAIRPLEX  
17 AFTER WE HAD HEARD ABOUT THE PRIOR DEATHS OF THE TWO YOUNG  
18 WOMEN. AFTER HAVING STAFF ATTEND SOME OF THOSE AND REVIEWING,  
19 THEY CAME BACK WITH A LOT OF GOOD INFORMATION THAT I SEE WILL  
20 HELP PROVIDE FOR THAT SAFETY PROTECTION INITIAL EMERGENCY  
21 MEDICAL STAFF THAT WAS REQUIRED BY THE PROMOTERS OF THE  
22 CONCERTS THAT WERE HELD IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, THAT THERE  
23 WILL BE VENTILATION, WATER PROVIDED. THERE WAS MORE SAFETY.  
24 THERE WAS SHERIFFS FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEY ALSO HAD, I  
25 BELIEVE, DOG PATROLS. AND THEY ALSO HAD RECEPTACLES WHERE

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1 PEOPLE COULD PUT IN, SAY, ANY ILLEGAL ITEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE  
2 BROUGHT IN. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS ALSO -- THERE WAS AN ISSUE  
3 REGARDING PEOPLE THAT WERE TRESPASSING IN AND AROUND THE  
4 FAIRPLEX, BECAUSE SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE COULDN'T AFFORD THE  
5 PARKING FEE. SO, THAT WAS ALSO ALLEVIATED. PEOPLE GOT FREE  
6 PARKING IF THEY WERE GOING TO GO THE CONCERT. AND THEN THE AGE  
7 LIMIT KICKED IN, AS WELL, BECAUSE IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THE  
8 PEOPLE THAT OVERDOSED OR UNFORTUNATELY LOST THEIR LIVES WERE,  
9 I BELIEVE, MOST OF THEM WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 21. AND SO THAT  
10 WAS INSTITUTED AT THE LAST TWO CONCERTS. AND I BELIEVE THAT  
11 ALSO THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT THEY HAD ORIGINALLY EXPECTED  
12 DECREASED ONCE ALL THESE PROVISIONS WERE PUT IN PLACE OR  
13 WORKED OUT. AND SO 10,000 IS A VERY -- OBVIOUSLY A SMALLER  
14 NUMBER AS OPPOSED TO WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO BE A PART  
15 OF THE MUSIC, ELECTRONIC MUSIC FESTIVAL CROWD, WHICH I BELIEVE  
16 WAS UPWARDS OF MAYBE 40 OR 50,000 ORIGINALLY, WHICH IS A LARGE  
17 GROUP OF PEOPLE. SO I KNOW THAT OUR STAFF HAS REALLY DONE, I  
18 THINK, A WONDERFUL JOB. AND WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE  
19 ARE ALSO -- WE HEARD FROM A WITNESS TALKING ABOUT THE RIGHTS  
20 OF PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO PROMOTE THESE KINDS OF ACTIVITIES,  
21 CERTAINLY NOT TO PROMOTE DRUG USAGE, BUT THE FACT THAT BECAUSE  
22 OF THEIR PROTECTIONS FOR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS, THAT THAT  
23 COULD ALSO BE A POTENTIAL PROBLEM FOR THE COUNTY. AND SO WE'RE  
24 TRYING TO WORK, I BELIEVE, IN THE BEST WAY, AND YOUR  
25 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU PUT FORWARD I THINK HELP TAKE US IN

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1 THAT DIRECTION. CERTAINLY WE'LL HAVE TIME WHEN YOU COME BACK  
2 WITH AN ORDINANCE FOR US TO HAVE, IF WE NEED MORE OPINION OR  
3 SCRUTINY OR EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS, AND I DO WANT TO THANK  
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR LEADING THIS AND CO-AUTHORING,  
5 BECAUSE IT'S VERY CLOSE TO US, VERY CLOSE. IT'S UNFORTUNATE  
6 BEFORE I EVEN GOT HERE ON THE BOARD THAT WE LOST SOME PEOPLE,  
7 YOUNG WOMEN, OUT IN THE WHITTIER NARROWS AREA. AND THAT HAS  
8 SINCE CEASED. WE'RE NOT DOING THAT. BUT MOVING FORWARD, I  
9 THINK WE HAVE AT LEAST A GOOD PLAN AND DESIGN AND WE REALLY  
10 TRY TO TAKE TO HEART THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERNS. SO I DON'T HAVE  
11 ANY MORE QUESTIONS UNLESS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF YOU WANTED  
12 TO SAY SOMETHING, I JUST WANT TO THANK THE STAFF.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, I GUESS, COUNTY COUNSEL, HOW DOES  
15 THE TYPE OF FACTORS THAT THE COUNTY CAN ASSESS REQUIRE  
16 SPONSOR?

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. SO, UNDER THE PROPOSED  
19 RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE INTENDED ORDINANCE, THE FACTORS WE  
20 COULD LOOK AT, AMONG OTHERS, WOULD BE A NUMBER OF SAFETY  
21 PERSONNEL TO NUMBER OF ATTENDEES, THE AGE OF THE ATTENDEES,  
22 THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF THE EVENT, THE NUMBER OF HOURS ALCOHOL  
23 IS ALLOWED TO BE SOLD AT THE EVENT, EDUCATION, EDUCATING THE  
24 ATTENDEES PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE EVENT IN DRUG USAGE AND THE  
25 CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH, ALSO EDUCATING AND PROVIDING WATER

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1 DISTRIBUTION. THOSE ARE JUST SOME OF THE FACTORS THAT WOULD BE  
2 LOOKED AT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN, IF THE PROVIDER DOESN'T WANT TO  
5 ABIDE BY THE ENHANCED SAFETY MEASURES, THE COUNTY COULD DENY?

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT. IT WOULD BE ASSESSED  
8 ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE A BUREAUCRATIC  
9 PROCESS. IT'S MEANT TO BE A NIMBLE PROCESS, TWO-STEP PROCESS.  
10 THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE A THREAT ASSESSMENT. THE PROFESSIONALS  
11 WOULD COME TOGETHER FROM FIRE, HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE  
12 STANDARD THEY WOULD BE LOOKING AT IS WHETHER THIS EVENT  
13 PRESENTS A POSSIBILITY, A STRONG POSSIBILITY OF LOSS OF LIFE  
14 OR HARM TO PARTICIPANTS. SO, IN THE EVENT, SUPERVISOR, THAT  
15 YOU REFERENCED, LIKE THE R.V. EVENT, THAT STANDARD MAY NOT  
16 APPLY. SO THEN, THAT WOULD STOP THE PROCESS. BUT IF THAT  
17 STANDARD, IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE EXPERTS, IS AT ISSUE, THEN  
18 WE WOULD WORK WITH THE PROMOTERS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY COMPLY  
19 WITH WHATEVER THE EXPERTS DETERMINE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS IS  
20 REQUIRED TO ENSURE HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED AT  
21 THAT EVENT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE PROMOTER WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
24 PAYING THOSE COSTS FOR FIRE AND SECURITY? AND THE SECURITY  
25 WOULD MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS THAT THE COUNTY WOULD ESTABLISH

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1 TO HAVE QUALIFIED SECURITY AND NOT SOMEONE WHO JUST PUTS ON A  
2 JACKET AND SAYS THEY'RE SECURITY.

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, COUNTY WOULD CONTROL THIS PROCESS.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE ARE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, THANK YOU.

7 AND I ALSO THANK THE AUDIENCE, THOSE THAT CAME TODAY TO

8 PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THIS. SO, WE'LL STAND READY, THEN, I

9 GUESS.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, ITEM 18 IS BEFORE

12 YOU.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, I WILL MOVE THIS ITEM. SECONDED BY

15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE

16 ORDER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO GO

17 QUICKLY TO ITEM 6, SUSTAINABILITY. ITEM 6. AND THAT ITEM WAS

18 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, I BELIEVE.

19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. THIS MOTION WOULD

22 ALLOW L.A. TO JOIN A NUMBER OF OTHER FORWARD-THINKING LOCAL

23 GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED A POSITION OF CHIEF

24 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER IN ORDER TO FACILITATE COLLABORATION

25 AND COOPERATION AMONG OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS

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1 ACCELERATE THE USE OF GREEN PROGRAMS. IT ADDS A LOT OF  
2 MOMENTUM TO WHAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING. BUT BECAUSE OF OUR --  
3 JUST OUR SHEER SIZE, WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY IN THE STATE  
4 AND I THINK IN THE NATION TO INFLUENCE AND ENCOURAGE THE  
5 INCORPORATION OF SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES ON A MASSIVE SCALE.  
6 RIGHT NOW OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS LOOK AT HOW THEY CAN DO THIS  
7 IN VARIOUS WAYS. THEY'RE PART OF A COUNCIL NOW. BUT  
8 ESSENTIALLY THE COUNCIL HAS MORE OR LESS REPORTED ON WHAT  
9 THEY'RE DOING, BUT THERE HASN'T REALLY BEEN A CENTRAL PLACE  
10 WHERE WE COULD THEN ENVISION THE NEXT STEP, GET SOME GOOD  
11 INFORMATION ON WHAT TO DO, AND REALLY COLLABORATE, I THINK,  
12 ACROSS JURISDICTIONS. SO MY HOPE IS THAT THE CHIEF  
13 SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER WILL ACCELERATE THE VISION WE HAVE FOR  
14 THE COUNTY TO RAPIDLY INCREASE ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE  
15 PRACTICES THAT WE CAN MAYBE LEVERAGE THROUGH ESTABLISHING THIS  
16 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES, OUR 88 CITIES, AND VARIOUS OTHER  
17 JURISDICTIONS. THE CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER CAN ALSO  
18 CENTRALIZE OUR CURRENT COUNTY EFFORTS, HELP US TO SET GOALS  
19 ACROSS DEPARTMENT LINES, KEEP THE DEPARTMENTS HOPEFULLY ON  
20 TRACK AND ACCOUNTABLE, IDENTIFY FURTHER BEST PRACTICES,  
21 ECONOMIES OF SCALE, OTHER SYNERGIES, AND GENERALLY PROVIDE  
22 LEADERSHIP THAT CAN INFLUENCE, HOPEFULLY, THE ENTIRE REGION.  
23 SO I SUBMIT THIS MOTION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALL SUPPORT IT.  
24 THANK YOU.

25



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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. LET ME  
4 COMMEND THE AUTHOR AND THE CO-AUTHOR OF THIS MOTION, AND I DO  
5 SO BECAUSE I THINK THERE IS A NEED FOR GREATER COHERENCE WITH  
6 RESPECT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
7 ANGELES. AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IT IS RATHER DISPARATE. AND I  
8 THINK COORDINATION, A MORE COMPREHENSIVE WAY OF ADVANCING THAT  
9 AGENDA IS IMPORTANT. AND I SEE THIS PARTICULAR UNIT HAVING  
10 SUCH AN IMPACT. AND I IMMEDIATELY, THAT IS READILY, IDENTIFY  
11 WHAT THE RATIONALE FOR DOING SO. THE THRUST OF IT, IN LARGE  
12 MEASURE, AS THE MOTION COMES FORWARD, IS TO CAUSE US TO  
13 PERHAPS GET OUR ACT TOGETHER BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAD. AND,  
14 FRANKLY, A LOT HAS GONE ON IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN  
15 TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS, ENVIRONMENTAL  
16 JUSTICE-RELATED PURSUITS. BUT, FRANKLY, THERE IS MORE THAT  
17 COULD AND SHOULD HAPPEN, AND THEREFORE SUCH A UNIT WOULD  
18 FACILITATE THAT. MIGHT I SUGGEST, THOUGH, THAT AS IT COMES  
19 BACK, THE CONCEPT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO BE  
20 EXPLORED AS A PART OF AN ATTACHMENT TO OR SUPPORTIVE OF THE  
21 OFFICE, I DON'T WANT TO PREDETERMINE WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE  
22 OR FEEL LIKE, BUT I THINK DUE DILIGENCE SHOULD BE DONE IN  
23 TERMS OF WHAT SUCH A COMMISSION COULD LOOK LIKE, WHAT THE  
24 APPOINTING SCENARIOS WOULD BE, AND HOW WE CAN USE THAT AS A  
25 METHOD TO ELEVATE THE CONCERN OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AND

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1 THE LIKE. I TRUST, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU'LL TAKE THAT AS A  
2 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND A REPORT BACK.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAVE NO OBJECTION. THE AMENDMENT, THEN,  
5 WOULD BE TO ADD TO THE 60-DAY REPORT BACK SOME ANALYSIS OF THE  
6 EFFICACY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION,  
7 WHICH WE'VE NEVER HAD.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND MAYBE HOW IT MIGHT BE CONSTITUTED AND  
12 ITS SCOPE. IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH THE CO-AUTHOR?

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, I'M FINE. I MEAN, GIVEN OUR RECENT  
15 INVOLVEMENT WITH EXIDE AND PORTER RANCH AND OTHER THINGS THAT  
16 ARE COMING UP, AS WELL, I THINK IT'S WARRANTED. SO I WOULDN'T  
17 BE ADVERSE.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE OUR SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL IS ALL  
20 INTERNAL. IT'S ALL DEPARTMENTS. SO, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD  
21 HURT TO HAVE A THIRD EYE, AS IT WERE ON SOME OF THIS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXTERNAL.

24

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1    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT MIGHT HAVE HELPED EARLIER, AS YOU  
2    INDICATED, EXIDE, PORTER RANCH, ET CETERA. SO, AND IT'S JUST A  
3    REPORT BACK WITH THE OTHER IN 60 DAYS.

4

5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

6

7    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO I'LL ACCEPT THAT.

8

9    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS SUCH AN  
10    IMPORTANT ITEM FOR US. AND I'M GLAD TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH  
11    THE MOTION AND TO SAY THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE COUNCIL  
12    CONTINUE THEIR WORK, BUT WE OBVIOUSLY KNOW THAT THERE WEREN'T  
13    ENOUGH, HOW COULD I SAY, CHUTZPAH, TEETH BEHIND WHAT THEY  
14    COULD DO. SO THIS POSITION, CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER, I  
15    THINK WILL HELP US IN THAT DIRECTION AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
16    ALSO HELPING TO WORK WITH OUR CITIES. THERE ARE MANY OF OUR  
17    CITIES, BECAUSE OF THE RECESSION, HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO  
18    PROVIDE SUFFICIENT STAFFING TO HELP THEMSELVES IN TERMS OF  
19    DETERMINING WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE OUT THERE FOR CAP-AND-TRADE  
20    AND HOW THE COUNTY COULD HELP LEVERAGE SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS  
21    WORKING IN CONCERT WITH THEM. SO I THINK THOSE ARE THINGS THAT  
22    ALSO HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. SO, OKAY, WITH THAT,  
23    WE DO HAVE SOME WITNESSES THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. AND  
24    I'LL CALL THEM UP AT THIS POINT. GARY GERO, ARNOLD SACHS,

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1 JONATHAN PARFREY, ERIC PREVEN, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. GO AHEAD,  
2 SIR.

3

4 **GARY GERO:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
5 HAVING ME HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS GARY GERO, AND I'M HERE TO  
6 SPEAK IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I THINK IT'S DUE TIME  
7 FOR THAT KIND OF POSITION HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
8 UNTIL RECENTLY, I'VE SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLIMATE  
9 ACTION RESERVE, A NONPROFIT HERE IN LOS ANGELES, THE LARGEST  
10 CERTIFIER OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA. BUT I  
11 REALLY SPEAK TODAY OUT OF MY EXPERIENCE AS THE ASSISTANT  
12 GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT FOR MANY YEARS. AND IN THAT ROLE, IN THAT  
14 CAPACITY, I LEARNED WHAT MAKES AN ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT OR  
15 OFFICE WORK AND WHAT DOESN'T ENGENDER IT TO BE EFFECTIVE. AND  
16 I WANT TO SHARE THREE LESSONS FROM THAT THAT I THINK THE BOARD  
17 OUGHT TO KEEP IN MIND. FIRST OF ALL, AND I THINK THE MOTION  
18 STARTS OFF IN THIS DIRECTION, IS THAT YOU DO NEED TO HAVE A  
19 CLEAR SET OF MISSION AND GOALS FOR THE OFFICE. YOU NEED TO  
20 CLEARLY ARTICULATE WHAT THOSE ARE SO THAT THE OFFICE KNOWS  
21 WHAT IT IS BEING ASKED TO DO. AS IMPORTANT IS TO HAVE THE  
22 RESOURCES, THEN, TO ACTUALLY EFFECTUATE THAT MISSION AND  
23 GOALS. AND THIS HAS BEEN A PROBLEM WITH ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICES  
24 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THEY START WITH GOOD INTENTIONS. THEY  
25 START WITH GOOD GOALS. BUT THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS ADEQUATELY

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1    RESOURCED. I RECOMMEND HIGHLY THAT YOU ENSURE THAT THERE ARE  
2    SUFFICIENT FISCAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH THE  
3    GOALS. AND THE THIRD THING IS RELATED TO THAT, AND THAT IS TO  
4    MAKE SURE THAT THE OFFICE HAS REAL AUTHORITY TO EFFECTUATE ITS  
5    MISSION. IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE A CLEAR SET OF GOALS AND  
6    ANOTHER TO HAVE THE RESOURCES, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE  
7    AUTHORITY TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT. AND THAT AUTHORITY STEMS FROM  
8    THE BOARD. I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON  
9    THE OFFICE AND EMPOWER IT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. SO  
10   WITH THAT, I AGAIN ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT THE MOTION TODAY AND  
11   CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS ACTION.

12

13   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

14

15   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. QUITE A  
16   BIT OF GAS JUST BEING SPENT BY THE BOARD. YOU JUST HEARD THE  
17   GENTLEMAN. THE L.A. CITY ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS HAS AN OFFICE  
18   AND THE COUNTY HAS NOTHING TO DEAL WITH THAT? A MISSION  
19   STATEMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. WELL MISSION  
20   STATEMENTS, THAT'S RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY. SO I'M THINKING YOU  
21   MENTIONED A RECESSION, THAT WAS LIKE 2008. AND THE SUNSHINE  
22   CANYON LANDFILL, I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO GO INTO THE MATH PART  
23   OF THAT. I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THAT IT WAS DOUBLED IN 2006.  
24   DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY THEN. THERE'S A  
25   REPORT BACK IN TWO MONTHS. SO THAT MEANS NOTHING'S GOING TO

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1 HAPPEN. IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN OR SOMETHING IS GOING TO TAKE  
2 A STEP IN FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 OR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18? WE DON'T  
3 KNOW, BECAUSE THIS IS JUST A REPORT BACK. AND YOU MENTIONED  
4 EXIDE AND PORTER RANCH, TWO OUTSTANDING AGENDAS REGARDING  
5 ENVIRONMENT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND EXIDE, YOU  
6 FINALLY JUMPED IN THERE AFTER THE LAWSUIT WAS SETTLED, 30  
7 YEARS LATER. AND PORTER RANCH? 30 YEARS, IT'S THE LARGEST GAS  
8 STORAGE, NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI,  
9 AND YOU WERE PUTTING HOUSES THERE? AND NOW YOU'RE CONCERNED  
10 ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, BECAUSE PEOPLE COMPLAINED BECAUSE  
11 THEY'RE LIVING NEAR A GAS LEAK? BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.

12

13 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. YOU'RE OFF  
14 TOPIC, SIR.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SHE MENTIONED EXIDE. AND YOU NEED TO PAY  
17 ATTENTION. SHE MENTIONED EXIDE AND PORTER RANCH.

18

19 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE ITEM IS SUSTAINABILITY, SIR.

20

21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M BRINGING UP THE POINT THAT THAT'S PART OF  
24 THE ENVIRONMENT. AND IF THE ENVIRONMENT INCLUDES THE STORAGE

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1 OF NATURAL GAS, SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF IT,  
2 ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO ARE BUYING THE HOMES, RIGHT?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. GO ACROSS THE  
5 STREET TO CITY HALL AND TELL THEM, OKAY?

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **JONATHAN PARFREY:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS  
10 JONATHAN PARFREY. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION CLIMATE  
11 RESOLVE AND A PAST COMMISSIONER AT THE L.A. DEPARTMENT OF  
12 WATER AND POWER. I WANT TO THANK THE AUTHORS FOR THIS SUPERB  
13 MOTION. WE ARE IN STRONG SUPPORT OF IT. AND WE ARE ALSO IN  
14 SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT TO HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.  
15 L.A. COUNTY HAS BEEN MAKING GREAT STRIDES IN THE FIELD OF  
16 SUSTAINABILITY. THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN THAT HAS BEEN  
17 DEVELOPED BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS EXCELLENT. THE  
18 BUILDING STANDARDS, THE GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS ARE  
19 EXCELLENT. THERE'S BEEN GREAT PROGRESS MADE AT METRO. YET,  
20 MORE CAN BE DONE AND WE CAN WIN GREATER EFFICIENCIES. LET ME  
21 GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE. L.A. COUNTY HAS INVESTED IN CREATING A  
22 SOLAR MAP THAT CHARACTERIZES EVERY SINGLE ROOFTOP IN L.A.  
23 COUNTY. YET, AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE LITERALLY DOZENS OF  
24 COUNTY FACILITIES, BUILDINGS, THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR SOLAR THAT  
25 DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE SOLAR ON TOP OF THEM. SO THERE CAN BE



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1 GREATER EFFICIENCIES. AND THAT IS ONE THAT COULD BE WON IF WE  
2 HAD A CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER. IN FACT, I WOULD LIKE TO  
3 INTRODUCE THIS IDEA. YOU CAN TAKE THE COSTS OF WHAT IT WOULD  
4 TAKE TO PAY FOR A SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE AND YOU CAN BENCHMARK  
5 THAT AGAINST THE SAVINGS THAT WOULD ACCRUE TO L.A. COUNTY  
6 THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY, THROUGH WATER SAVINGS, AND THROUGH  
7 THE USE OF SOLAR PANELS. AND I THINK THAT YOU WOULD COME TO  
8 THE CONCLUSION THAT HAVING THIS POSITION WOULD, IN FACT, SAVE  
9 THE COUNTY CONSIDERABLE MONEY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER  
12 WITNESS. STEPHEN CHEUNG. CAN ALSO COME FORWARD. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
15 I AM ALL IN FAVOR OF SUSTAINABILITY AND KEEPING TRACK OF  
16 WHAT'S GOING ON. BUT I SURELY WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER  
17 COMMISSION TO BE CREATED. AS IT IS, YOU HAVE OVER 200  
18 COMMISSIONS, AND I AM SURE THAT IF YOU WOULD REALLY LOOK AT  
19 WHAT THEY'RE DOING, YOU WOULD DEFINITELY FIND OUT THAT THEY  
20 ARE NOT VERY EFFICIENT. MAYBE YOU NEED TO ASSIGN THAT DUTY OF  
21 SUSTAINABILITY TO THE EFFICIENCY COMMISSION. THAT WOULD BE  
22 SURELY PART OF THEIR WORK AND THAT WOULD MAKE COMMON SENSE.  
23 ALSO, I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT IN THE FUTURE YOU DO NOT,  
24 WHEN YOU ELECT COMMISSIONERS, WAIVE THE TIME LIMIT. I THINK

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1 THAT'S THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THAT I SEE IN A COUNTY OF 10

2 MILLION PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES THE

5 WITNESSES ON THIS ITEM. THIS ITEM, AS AMENDED, IS MOVED BY

6 KUEHL. SECONDED BY SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE

7 ORDER.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED.

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11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED, SIR, YES. OKAY. WE ARE NOW

12 GOING TO R-1, SPECIAL ITEM, 11 A.M.

13

14 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE

15 BOARD. AS THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL ACTUALLY BE DOING THE

16 PRESENTATION ARE COMING UP TO THEIR SEATS, I'LL JUST GIVE A

17 FEW INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION

18 REPRESENTS A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

19 AND -- OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

20 COMMISSION. THE ISSUE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS AN

21 INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ONE FOR THE COUNTY AND A HIGH PRIORITY

22 WITHIN THE C.E.O.'S NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. SITUATED

23 WITHIN OUR ASSET MANAGEMENT BRANCH AND NEW DIVISION HAS BEEN

24 ESTABLISHED THAT WILL FOCUS DIRECTLY ON A VARIETY OF ASSET

25 PLANNING ISSUES, INCLUDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. TODAY'S

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1 BRIEFING IS IN RESPONSE TO A MOTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD ON  
2 OCTOBER 20TH, 2015, REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN  
3 ADDITION, IN RESPONSE TO A MOTION APPROVED ON JANUARY 5, 2016,  
4 MY OFFICE WILL PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO YOUR BOARD NEXT  
5 MONTH WITH AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
6 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
7 PARTNERING WITH THE C.D.C. AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
8 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
9 INITIATIVES. AND SO, LET ME INTRODUCE SEAN ROGAN, WHO IS THE  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. TO  
11 THE LEFT OF HIM IS THE C.E.O. OF STAFF DOUG BARON, WHO WILL BE  
12 OVER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA. AND I'M SORRY, SHE IS NEW  
13 TO THE C.D.C., AND SO I'LL LET SEAN INTRODUCE HIS STAFF, AS  
14 WELL.

15

16 **SEAN ROGAN:** GREAT, THANK YOU, SACHI. CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS, AS SACHI MENTIONED, TO MY FAR LEFT, WE HAVE  
18 MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND. SHE CAME ON BOARD ABOUT THREE MONTHS  
19 AGO, AND SHE'S HEADING UP OUR COMMUNITY AND THE ECONOMIC  
20 DEVELOPMENT SIDE OF THE HOUSE. SHE'S OUR NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE  
21 DIRECTOR. SHE COMES TO US WITH A WEALTH OF ECONOMIC  
22 DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE. AND WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GREAT FOR  
23 YOU TO HEAR FROM HER TODAY AS WE TALK ABOUT THIS VERY  
24 IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.

25

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1     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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3     **MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND:** GOOD MORNING.

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5     **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

6

7     **MONIQUE KING-VIEHLAND:** MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
8     THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT IS MY PLEASURE THIS MORNING TO GIVE THIS  
9     REPORT BACK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
10    AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. PER CAPITA AND  
11    HOUSEHOLD INCOMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE LOWER THAN THE  
12    STATE AVERAGE. AND POVERTY RATES ARE HIGHER. MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD  
13    INCOME IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ESTIMATED TO BE \$51,329, IS  
14    APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT LOWER THAN THE STATE MEDIAN. PER  
15    CAPITA INCOME IN THE COUNTY, ESTIMATED TO BE \$24,999, IS 20  
16    PERCENT LOWER THAN THE STATE AVERAGE. OUR REGION STILL HAS AN  
17    UNACCEPTABLY HIGH POVERTY RATE, WHICH STOOD AT 17.8 PERCENT IN  
18    2014. AND WITH MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION RESIDENTS LIVING IN OVER  
19    300 CENSUS TRACTS BEING SEVERLY ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED, WITH  
20    POVERTY RATES OF NEARLY 20 PERCENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1-  
21    1/2 TIMES THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, L.A. COUNTY STILL HAS TOO MANY  
22    COMMUNITIES THAT SUFFER FROM SEVERE JOBLESSNESS. UNEMPLOYMENT  
23    AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT REMAIN SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. IT IS CLEAR  
24    THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB CREATION IS AN ESSENTIAL  
25    COMPONENT TO THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE COUNTY.

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1 RECOGNIZING THE NEED, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS PASSED A  
2 SERIES OF MOTIONS AIMED AT CULTIVATING A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR  
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE MOTIONS ARE  
4 DESIGNED TO SET THE STAGE FOR A RENEWED FOCUS ON ECONOMIC  
5 DEVELOPMENT WHILE ALSO LAYING OUT AN EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE FOR  
6 IMPLEMENTATION THAT INCLUDES VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS, SUBJECT  
7 MATTER EXPERTS, AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. OUR GOAL IS TO BEGIN  
8 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY BY JULY 1, 2016. THOUGH WE HOPE  
9 TO LAUNCH THE INITIATIVES RELATED TO THE OCTOBER 20TH MOTION  
10 BY JULY 1, THERE ARE ALREADY SEVERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
11 INITIATIVES UNDERWAY, INCLUDING THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING  
12 WITH BIOSCIENCE, THE CURRENT C.B.R. PROGRAMS, THE WORK AT THE  
13 BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY CENTER, AND PROJECTS LIKE VERMONT  
14 CORRIDOR. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE TIMELINE, THERE ARE MULTIPLE  
15 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOTIONS AND INITIATIVES RUNNING PARALLEL  
16 TRACKS. BUT THESE ARE THE KEY MILESTONES THAT WILL END WITH  
17 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
18 STRATEGY IN JULY 2016. THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN  
19 IMPLEMENTATION REPORT IS DUE APRIL 5TH. BIOSCIENCE HUBS  
20 DISPOSITION STRATEGY REPORT IS DUE THE 15TH OF APRIL. COUNTY  
21 BIOSCIENCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS DUE MAY 3RD. LOCAL SMALL  
22 BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN IS DUE MAY 24TH. SOCIAL ENTERPRISE  
23 PARTICIPATION PLAN REPORT IS DUE THE 31ST OF MAY. BIOSCIENCE  
24 HUBS, THE REPORT ON COMMUNITY BENEFITS, IS DUE JUNE 15TH. THE  
25 SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE LAUNCH REPORT IS DUE ON THE 31ST OF

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1 MAY BUT WILL BE LAUNCHED ON JULY 1. AND, AGAIN, THE ECONOMIC  
2 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION WILL BEGIN JULY 1ST. SO  
3 PER YOUR MANDATE, WE WILL ENSURE THAT COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLAYS  
4 AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH THE  
5 VARIOUS MOTIONS, THOUGH WE WILL FOCUS THIS MORNING ON THE  
6 OCTOBER 20TH MOTION. THE OCTOBER 20TH MOTION INCLUDED 8 ACTION  
7 ITEMS STRATEGICALLY DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE BUSINESS  
8 ENVIRONMENT, ENCOURAGE PRODUCTIVITY, AND SUPPORT OVERALL  
9 ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE FIRST ACTION CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
10 OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO CREATE A MANUFACTURING  
11 BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM. THE WRITTEN REPORT GOES IN DEPTH, BUT  
12 I'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM  
13 GUIDELINES. THE MANUFACTURING REVOLVING LOAN FUND WOULD BE A  
14 LOAN PROGRAM FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE MANUFACTURERS. THE  
15 PROGRAM WOULD OFFER BELOW MARKET RATE, FLEXIBLE LOAN TERMS,  
16 AND NO PREPAYMENT PENALTY FOR 52 AREAS OF THE COUNTY. AVERAGE  
17 LOANS WOULD RANGE IN AMOUNT BETWEEN \$100,000 TO \$500,000. THE  
18 INTEREST RATE WOULD BE BELOW MARKET RATE, AND LOAN TERMS WOULD  
19 VARY BETWEEN 5 AND 20 YEARS, DEPENDING ON THE END USE OF THE  
20 LOAN. FOR EVERY \$50,000 BORROWED, ONE JOB WOULD NEED TO BE  
21 CREATED WITHIN THE COUNTY. THE SECTION ACTUALLY CALLED FOR THE  
22 ENGAGEMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
23 SUPPORT IN THE FORMULATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE  
24 PATEL STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED  
25 THAT CONSULTANT, THE LOS ANGELES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, ON

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1 NOVEMBER 10TH. A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED IN DECEMBER 2015 AND  
2 L.A.E.D.C. BEGAN WORK ON JANUARY 4TH. THEIR WORK IS SUPPORTED  
3 BY A STRONG, MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF BIOSCIENCE EXPERTS,  
4 INCLUDING BIOCOM, BIOEXCEL, AND REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY  
5 STRATEGIES. THEIR WORK INCLUDES THREE KEY DELIVERABLES: A  
6 GROUP AND ASSETS ANALYSIS WHICH BEGAN IN JANUARY AND IS  
7 ONGOING, WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL BE COMPLETE  
8 SHORTLY, AND STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL BE COMPLETE  
9 BY MID-MARCH. AND, FINALLY, A STATUS REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
10 WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE END OF APRIL 2016. WE WERE ALSO  
11 CHARGED WITH THE FACILITATION OF AN INDUSTRY SECTOR  
12 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. WE'VE PREPARED A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
13 TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTANTS WITH DEMONSTRATED AND  
14 SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE, CAPABILITY AND FAMILIARITY WITH  
15 REGIONAL CLUSTER-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE  
16 DEVELOPMENT, AND EXPERIENCE SPECIFIC TO STATE AND LOCAL  
17 GOVERNMENT IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION. THE STRATEGY AND WORK  
18 PLAN WILL IDENTIFY PRIORITY ISSUES TO ADDRESS THE TARGET  
19 CLUSTERS AND DIRECT SPECIFIC ACTIONS IN THE COUNTY THAT THE  
20 COUNTY SHOULD CONSIDER TO ENHANCE ITS COMPETITIVENESS. THE  
21 R.F.P. WILL BE ISSUED THIS WEEK, AND A STATUS REPORT WILL BE  
22 PROVIDED FOLLOWING THE END OF THE NEXT QUARTER. THE NEXT  
23 ACTION ITEM WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR A CATALYTIC  
24 DEVELOPMENT FUND. WE CONVENED A WORKING GROUP OF  
25 MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXPERTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE BANKING,



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1 FINANCE, AND INVESTMENT COMMUNITIES. THE GROUP MET ON THE 21ST  
2 OF JANUARY AND BEGAN TO SKETCH OUT THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE  
3 CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MEET  
4 OVER THE NEXT 30 TO 60 DAYS TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS LIKE LOAN  
5 ELIGIBILITY, TERMS AND RATES. WE WERE ALSO TASKED WITH  
6 RECOMMENDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE  
7 COMMUNITY BUSINESS REVITALIZATION PROGRAM COUNTY-WIDE. AGAIN,  
8 THE WRITTEN REPORT GOES MORE IN-DEPTH AND INCLUDES MAPS OF  
9 EACH OF THE RECOMMENDED TARGET AREAS, BUT I'LL PROVIDE YOU  
10 WITH A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM GUIDELINES.  
11 C.D.C. STAFF IDENTIFIED 11 COMMUNITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
12 COUNTY TO TARGET FOR WHAT WE ARE CALLING THE RENOVATE PROGRAM.  
13 AGAIN, MAPS OF THOSE 11 COMMUNITIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE  
14 REPORT, BUT THEY SPAN EVERY DISTRICT. THESE AREAS INCLUDE  
15 BUSINESSES ALONG MAJOR CORRIDORS AND GATEWAYS TO MAXIMIZE THE  
16 INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS WELL AS THE VISUAL AND CATALYTIC  
17 IMPACT. AVERAGE LOANS WOULD RANGE IN AMOUNT BETWEEN \$35,000 TO  
18 \$100,000, AND ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD INCLUDE DESIGN  
19 ASSISTANCE, FACADE RENOVATION, ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS, ET  
20 CETERA. AT THIS POINT IN THE PRESENTATION, I WOULD LIKE TO  
21 TURN THE MICROPHONE OVER TO DOUG BARON FROM THE C.E.O.'S  
22 OFFICE, WHO WILL COMPLETE THE REMAINDER OF THE PRESENTATION.  
23  
24 **DOUG BARON:** THANK YOU, MONIQUE. THANK YOU, MONIQUE, AND GOOD  
25 MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AS MENTIONED BY SACHI, MY NAME IS DOUG

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1 BARON, AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING THE ASSET MANAGEMENT BRANCH  
2 OF THE COUNTY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN  
3 BY DISCUSSING THE THREE STATE PROGRAMS REFERENCED IN THE  
4 OCTOBER 20TH REPORT. THE FIRST TWO OF THESE PROGRAMS REPRESENT  
5 ATTEMPTS BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO FORM A NEW TYPE OF  
6 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, WHILE THE THIRD RELATES TO PROPERTY TAX-  
7 BASED INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. WHAT EACH OF THESE PROGRAMS HAS IN  
8 COMMON IS THAT IT RELIES ON THE USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX  
9 REVENUE AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
10 INITIATIVES. A SUMMARY OUTLINE OF THE THREE PROGRAMS IS  
11 PROVIDED ON THE NEXT SLIDE. IN THE FIRST TWO COLUMNS ON THIS  
12 PAGE, WE PROVIDE THE CHALLENGES AND MERITS OF THE TWO NEW TAX  
13 INCREMENT DISTRICTS THAT HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE  
14 LEGISLATURE FOLLOWING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE FORMER  
15 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. IN 2015, ASSEMBLY BILL 2 AUTHORIZED  
16 THE FORMATION OF COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND INVESTMENT  
17 AUTHORITIES, WHILE S.B.628 IN 2014 ALLOWED FOR THE CREATION OF  
18 ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS. AT PRESENT, IT  
19 REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER EITHER OF THESE PROGRAMS WILL SEE MUCH  
20 USE IN CALIFORNIA. THIS IS DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE FACT THAT  
21 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM CONTRIBUTING ANY TAX  
22 INCREMENT TO SUCH PROGRAMS. AND THAT RESTRICTION EFFECTIVELY  
23 TAKES AWAY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE POTENTIAL REVENUE  
24 STREAM. THE MOST LIKELY APPLICATION FOR EITHER A C.R.I.A. OR  
25 E.I.F.D. IS ACTUALLY WITHIN AN INCORPORATED CITY WHERE THE

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1 CITY AND COUNTY SHARE A JOINT INTEREST IN A NEW INFRASTRUCTURE  
2 PROJECT, SUCH AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR A MAJOR NEW  
3 DEVELOPMENT. REGARDING THE THIRD COLUMN ON THIS PAGE, THE  
4 CAPITAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM, THIS IS A PROGRAM FIRST  
5 ESTABLISHED IN 1999 WHICH IS STRUCTURED TO REFUND PROPERTY  
6 TAXES FOR CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS THAT INVEST GREATER THAN \$150  
7 MILLION IN A NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. THIS PROGRAM HAS ONLY  
8 BEEN UTILIZED ONCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THAT WAS FOR  
9 WEBER METALS IN LONG BEACH IN 2015. THE LEGISLATION ITSELF  
10 SUNSETS ON JANUARY 1, 2018. AND AS A RESULT, OUR OFFICE WILL  
11 EVALUATE WHETHER TO ADVOCATE FOR NEW LEGISLATION THAT COULD  
12 POTENTIALLY EXPAND THIS PROGRAM. ONE MERIT THAT ALL THREE  
13 PROGRAMS HAVE IN COMMON IS THAT THEY ARE DISCRETIONARY IN  
14 NATURE, AND THAT IS: YOUR BOARD CAN CHOOSE TO OPT IN OR NOT TO  
15 PARTICIPATE IN ANY SUCH PROGRAM SHOULD A PROPOSAL BE PRESENTED  
16 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. TURNING NOW TO THE NEXT SLIDE.  
17 APOLOGIES. THANK YOU. HERE I WILL TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE  
18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT WAS REFERENCED IN THE OCTOBER 20TH  
19 BOARD MOTION. AS STATED IN THE WRITTEN REPORT PROVIDED TO YOUR  
20 BOARD, OUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED THE FORMATION OF A  
21 SINGLE POLICY COMMITTEE. THIS POLICY COMMITTEE WILL ADDRESS  
22 THE OBJECTIVES PUT FORTH BOTH IN THE OCTOBER 20TH MOTION AS  
23 WELL AS THE JANUARY 5TH MOTION THAT COINCIDED WITH APPROVAL OF  
24 THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUT FORWARD BY THE  
25 L.A.E.D.C. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THAT WILL GUIDE THIS POLICY

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1 GROUP WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR BOARD, THE  
2 C.D.C., C.E.O., DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
3 AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. ADVISING THIS  
4 COMMITTEE WILL BE NOT ONLY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS BUT ALSO  
5 PRIVATE, ACADEMIC, AND NONPROFIT STAKEHOLDERS. TURNING TO THE  
6 NEXT PAGE, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ONE SUCH PROGRAM THAT WILL  
7 BE CONSIDERED BY THIS COMMITTEE. THE OCTOBER 20TH BOARD MOTION  
8 INSTRUCTED THE C.E.O. TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A  
9 TARGETED FEE WAIVER PROGRAM THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF  
10 SMALL BUSINESS. THE APPLICATION OF ANY TARGET FEE WAIVER  
11 PROGRAM WILL LIKELY FOCUS ON THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE  
12 COUNTY WHERE PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING CONTROL MUCH  
13 OF THE ZONING, PERMITTING AND FEE REQUIREMENTS. IN THE WRITTEN  
14 REPORT PROVIDED TO YOUR BOARD, WE IDENTIFY SEVERAL FEES THAT  
15 ARE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR A FEE WAIVER PROGRAM. YET IT IS  
16 OUR BELIEF THAT SUCH A PROGRAM MAKES SENSE ONLY IF IT IS  
17 PARTNERED WITH A MORE STREAMLINED APPROACH TO THE ZONING AND  
18 PERMITTING OBSTACLES THAT CAN CONFRONT A SMALL BUSINESS. OUR  
19 GOAL IS TO BEGIN WORKING TOWARDS ONE-STOP SHOPPING FOR PERMIT  
20 ISSUANCE AND TO EVALUATE THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONCIERGE TYPE  
21 SERVICE FOR THOSE SMALL AND LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT MIGHT NEED  
22 ASSISTANCE NAVIGATING THIS PROCESS. TURNING NOW TO THE NEXT  
23 SLIDE, ON THIS PAGE, I WILL SPEAK TO THE FUNDING  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OCTOBER 20TH BOARD MOTION,  
25 WHICH INCLUDE \$15 MILLION OF ANNUAL FUNDING BY YEAR '21/'22

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1 AND \$4.5 MILLION OF INITIAL FUNDING IN 2016/17. AS SHOWN IN  
2 THE WRITTEN REPORT PROVIDED TO YOUR BOARD, A FURTHER  
3 RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN PUT FORTH TO INCREASE THE 2016/17  
4 FUNDING BY \$2 MILLION WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION FOR THE  
5 MANUFACTURING LOAN FUND AND \$1 MILLION FOR THE RENOVATE  
6 PROGRAM. OUR OFFICE IS NOW EVALUATING THESE ADJUSTMENTS, AND  
7 IT IS OUR CURRENT EXPECTATION TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS  
8 IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THERE WILL NOT, I SHOULD MENTION, BE  
9 ANY CHANGE TO THE ULTIMATE FUNDING RECOMMENDATION OF \$15  
10 MILLION BY 2021/22. AND THERE IS EVEN A POSSIBILITY OF A  
11 REDUCED FUTURE AMOUNT SHOULD THE LOAN FUNDS PROVE SUCCESSFUL  
12 IN ATTRACTING MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IN TERMS  
13 OF NEXT STEPS, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS REFERENCED IN  
14 THIS PRESENTATION ARE CURRENTLY IN THEIR INITIAL PHASE OF  
15 IMPLEMENTATION AND WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE IN 2016/17. YET  
16 THESE PROGRAMS REPRESENT ONLY A PORTION OF THE ECONOMIC  
17 DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES NOW BEING EVALUATED BY THE COUNTY.  
18 SPECIFICALLY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE IS DUE TO REPORT BACK  
19 BY APRIL 5TH IN RESPONSE TO L.A.E.D.C.S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR  
20 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF GOALS AND  
21 OBJECTIVES THAT SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. AND WHILE IT'S TOO  
22 EARLY TO SPEAK TO THE CONTENT OF THIS UPCOMING REPORT, ONE KEY  
23 ELEMENT IS CERTAIN TO BE THE NEED FOR ACCURATE DATA COLLECTION  
24 AND DATA ANALYSIS. OUR OFFICE DOES NOT INTEND TO DEDICATE  
25 VALUABLE RESOURCES TO ANY PROGRAM WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO ALSO

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1 VALIDATE ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE COUNTY  
2 BUDGET. FURTHERMORE, IT'S OUR OBJECTIVE TO BRING TOGETHER THE  
3 TRADITIONAL ELEMENTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND BY THAT I  
4 MEAN PRIVATE INVESTMENT, JOB CREATION AND EXPANSION OF THE TAX  
5 BASE, WITH OTHER HIGH PRIORITY COUNTY OBJECTIVES SUCH AS  
6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WAGE ENFORCEMENT AND THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL  
7 BUSINESS. OUR OFFICE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH SEAN AND  
8 HIS TEAM AT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS WE MOVE  
9 FORWARD WITH THE COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WE  
10 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. ROGAN, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT  
13 TO ADD? SEAN.

14

15 **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU, CHAIR AND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
16 AS DOUG HAS MENTIONED, THE C.E.O. AND THE C.D.C. HAVE BEEN  
17 WORKING COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER OVER THIS EFFORT SINCE LAST  
18 OCTOBER, AND WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US. BUT  
19 I THINK WHAT WE'RE ULTIMATELY THRIVING TO ACCOMPLISH IS TO  
20 CREATE JOBS, TO CREATE HIGH PAYING JOBS WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO  
21 TRY TO RAISE INCOME LEVELS WITHIN THE COUNTY. AND I THINK THAT  
22 WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHETHER IT BE THE HOUSING SHORTAGE,  
23 UNEMPLOYMENT, OR POVERTY RATES, I THINK THAT'S ONE THING WE  
24 CAN ALL GET BEHIND. SO, I'M REALLY EXCITED IN TERMS OF WHERE

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1 WE STARTED, AND I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO WHERE WE'RE  
2 GOING GO.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS, I THINK,  
5 A REALLY EXCITING TIME FOR THE COUNTY, THAT WE FINALLY ARE AT  
6 A POINT WHERE PEOPLE, DIFFERENT DIVISIONS, ARE TALKING TO EACH  
7 OTHER. AND OBVIOUSLY YOUR PLAN HAS REALLY, I THINK, BROUGHT  
8 OUT SOME FANTASTIC IDEAS OF HOW WE CAN USE THE TOOLS IN OUR  
9 TOOLBOX THAT THE COUNTY HAS TO HELP STIMULATE ECONOMIC  
10 DEVELOPMENT, SOMETHING THAT SOME OF US TALKED ABOUT FOR SOME  
11 TIME NOW. AND NOW WE'RE STARTING TO SEE THE REPORT BACK. SO I  
12 THANK YOU, COMMEND YOU FOR THE REPORT, BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE  
13 TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS, IF I MIGHT, BEFORE WE ALSO KIND OF GET  
14 INTO THE SUBJECT A LITTLE BIT MORE. I WANTED TO KNOW, HAS ANY  
15 OTHER CITY OR JURISDICTION APPROACHED THE COUNTY ABOUT  
16 CREATION OF AN ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT OR  
17 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION OR INVESTMENT AUTHORITY TO BE FORMED  
18 INDEPENDENTLY OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY?

19

20 **SEAN ROGAN:** WE HAVEN'T BEEN APPROACHED. WE HAD SOME VERY  
21 PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF L.A. REGARDING A  
22 POSSIBLE E.I.F.D. SUPPORTING THEIR L.A. RIVER PROJECT.  
23 HOWEVER, THE APPLICATION OF THESE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE  
24 STATE HAS BEEN VERY LIMITED THUS FAR. WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY  
25 OF SACRAMENTO AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO ARE LOOKING AT SUCH



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1 PROGRAMS, BUT THERE'S ONLY BEEN ONE EXAMPLE THUS FAR IN L.A.  
2 COUNTY.

3

4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HOPE THAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO  
5 COLLABORATING WITH OUR LEGISLATORS IN SACRAMENTO AS WELL,  
6 BECAUSE I KNOW THERE ARE SOME PARTICULAR SOURCES OF FUNDING  
7 THAT WILL COME DOWN ALONG THE L.A. RIVER, NORTH AND SOUTH. SO  
8 THOSE COULD BE OPPORTUNITIES, I THINK, FOR SOME OF OUR SMALLER  
9 CITIES, IN PARTICULAR THE ONES THAT I KNOW SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
10 THOMAS AND I REPRESENT IN THE SOUTHEAST AREA THAT ARE  
11 SUFFERING FROM VERY HIGH RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND HAVEN'T HAD  
12 AS MUCH ECONOMIC STIMULUS AND WERE REALLY HARD HIT BY THE  
13 RECESSION. BUT I THINK THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO LOOK  
14 AT TO SEE WHERE WE CAN COLLABORATE, CERTAINLY WITH THE CITY OF  
15 LOS ANGELES AND, I THINK, OTHER CITIES, AS WELL, THAT ONCE  
16 THEY HEAR ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH US, I THINK WILL  
17 ALSO STIMULATE THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW THEY CAN COLLABORATE  
18 WITH THE COUNTY IN A MUCH BROADER WAY THAN WE'VE BEEN USED TO  
19 IN THE PAST. I DO WANT TO TOUCH BASE ON THIS EFFORT TO CREATE  
20 SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURING LOAN FUND. AND I WANTED  
21 TO KNOW, ARE THERE PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES OR GEOGRAPHIES THAT  
22 YOU EXPECT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PROGRAM?

23

24 **SEAN ROGAN:** YES. WHEN YOU LOOK AT HOW THE COUNTY IS  
25 STRATEGICALLY DEVELOPED, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURING

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1 SECTORS, NOT ONLY WITHIN L.A. COUNTY BUT ALSO IN A LOT OF OUR  
2 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THAT WE WOULD LOOK TO AS AN OPPORTUNITY  
3 FOR THIS FUND. AND I THINK THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT A LOT OF THESE  
4 AREAS, ONCE THIS FUND GETS UP AND GOING AND THEN PEOPLE BEGIN  
5 TO USE IT, I THINK AS IT REVOLVES, WE'LL BE ABLE TO REALLY  
6 LOOK AT A LOT OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS WHERE WE HAVE  
7 MANUFACTURING CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE AND REALLY HELP TO  
8 IMPROVE AND EXPAND JOBS.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO YOU THINK THAT THERE MIGHT BE  
11 OPPORTUNITIES TO ALSO CREATE LINKAGES BETWEEN OUR TRAINING  
12 PROGRAMS THAT WE CURRENTLY OPERATE IN THOSE AREAS THAT ARE  
13 HARD-PRESSED, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE ACCESS TO OUR WORKFORCE  
14 INVESTMENT FUNDING. WE COULD ALSO, I THINK, SERVE AS A  
15 RESOURCE FOR POTENTIAL MANUFACTURERS THAT ARE COMING IN  
16 POTENTIALLY INTO THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, SUCH AS AREAS THAT  
17 I REPRESENT LIKE EAST LOS ANGELES, WHERE WE KNOW THAT  
18 EDUCATION AND TRAINING ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED IF PEOPLE ARE  
19 GOING TO BE EMPLOYED IN ANY NEW TYPE OF MANUFACTURING OR  
20 EXPANDED MANUFACTURING.

21

22 **SEAN ROGAN:** CERTAINLY WE'VE STARTED THAT DIALOGUE IN THE  
23 CONVERSATION IN REGARDS TO FIGURING OUT LINKAGES WITH  
24 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. THE C.D.C. ACTUALLY PARTICIPATES  
25 WITH THAT BOARD. WE ALSO ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH CONSUMER AND

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1 BUSINESS AFFAIRS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES. SO  
2 WE'RE STARTING TO HAVE THOSE DIALOGUES TO FIGURE OUT HOW BEST  
3 TO LINK ALL THOSE SERVICES SO THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE  
4 CAN PROVIDE AS MANY JOB OPPORTUNITIES AS POSSIBLE.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS CONCERNS FOR THOSE  
7 SMALL BUSINESSES THAT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR THE GRANT  
8 PROGRAM? I MEAN, WHAT KINDS OF EFFORTS COULD WE DEVELOP TO  
9 ADDRESS THAT?

10

11 **SEAN ROGAN:** YOU KNOW, THAT'S NOT SOMETHING WE LOOKED AT AS  
12 PART OF THIS REPORT. I CERTAINLY CAN GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.  
13 I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM SMALL BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
14 IN TERMS OF THEIR EFFORTS. I KNOW THEY'VE BEEN TASKED WITH  
15 SOME EFFORTS IN THOSE REGARDS, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO  
16 SPEAK TO AT THIS POINT IN TIME.

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, IN  
19 PARTICULAR AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES  
20 AND WHAT HAVE YOU, THAT WE REALLY START TO LOOK AT WHAT THAT  
21 MEANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE REALLY STRUGGLING, MANY  
22 WHOM RESIDE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THERE ARE SMALL  
23 CITIES THAT RIGHT NOW JUST DON'T HAVE THE ASSETS TO BE ABLE TO  
24 PARTICIPATE IN SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS, THE FINANCIAL  
25 WHEREWITHAL. HOW COULD WE WEAVE TOGETHER THOSE KINDS OF

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1 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM? SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR BACK  
2 WHEN YOU COME BACK WITH US TO REPORT ON THAT.

3

4 **SEAN ROGAN:** SURE.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DO WANT TO ASK SOME OF THE OTHER  
7 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE PARTICIPATING WITH US ON THIS EFFORT, AND  
8 THAT'S BRIAN STIGER TO ALSO JOIN US AND MR. OTTO SOLARZANO TO  
9 MAKE COME FORWARD AND MAYBE SHARE SOME THOUGHTS, AS WELL, OF  
10 HOW YOU'RE WEAVING YOUR EFFORTS INTO THIS, I THINK, REALLY  
11 DYNAMIC APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ALL OF THEM TALK BEFORE?  
14 OKAY, I WON'T ISOLATE, THEN.

15

16 **BRIAN STIGER:** MORNING, MADAME CHAIR. BRIAN STIGER, DIRECTOR  
17 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. I'M  
18 EXCITED ABOUT THIS PRESENTATION AND PLAN TODAY. AS SEAN SAID,  
19 WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH C.D.C. AND C.S.S. TO SEE  
20 HOW WE CAN HELP SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES. OVER THE PAST YEAR,  
21 SINCE WE'VE HAD OUR CONCIERGE PROGRAM IN PLACE, WE'VE HEARD  
22 FROM A NUMBER OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS CLIENTS ABOUT THEIR  
23 DIFFICULTY IN SECURING LOANS FROM BIG BANKS, BECAUSE BIG BANKS  
24 REALLY HAVE BEGUN TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF LOANS THAT THEY HAVE  
25 MADE. SO THAT REQUIRES OUR SMALL BUSINESSES TO SEEK

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1 ALTERNATIVE SOURCES, WHICH MANY TIMES ARE AT A HIGH COST. AND  
2 SO HAVING THIS MANUFACTURING LOAN REVOLVING FUND AVAILABLE WE  
3 THINK IS GOING TO BE VERY HELPFUL. WE ALSO THINK THAT THIS IS  
4 ALSO GOING TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES TRANSITION UP THROUGH THE  
5 MINIMUM WAGE OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS ALONG WITH OUR SMALL  
6 BUSINESS INITIATIVE PROJECT. SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
7 PROGRAM.

8

9 **OTTO SOLORZANO:** MY NAME IS OTTO SOLORZANO FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. WE ARE VERY MUCH EXCITED  
11 ABOUT THIS PROGRAM ALSO, BECAUSE IN THE END, ECONOMIC  
12 DEVELOPMENT EQUALS GOOD PAYING JOBS. AND OUR INTEREST IS TO  
13 ENSURE THAT THERE ARE SUSTAINABLE JOBS IN WHICH THERE IS A  
14 CAREER PATH FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THAT IN THE END THEY'RE ABLE  
15 TO ACCUMULATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES. OUR INTEREST, THAT WE HAVE  
16 THE AMERICAN JOB CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, IN WHICH WE SERVE  
17 THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT COME LOOKING FOR JOBS. CLEARLY  
18 WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, PRIMARILY IN  
19 UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, WHO GO THROUGH THIS SYSTEM AND ARE  
20 ABLE TO GET THE JOBS THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS ABLE TO  
21 BRING ABOUT. SO ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS I GET ABOUT THIS IS THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER. WE ARE COLLABORATING QUITE A BIT  
23 IN THE COUNTY TO ENSURE THIS IS SUCCESSFUL.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. MY HAT  
3 IS OFF TO THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES, SPECIFICALLY THE OFFICE OF  
4 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
5 COMMISSION, AS WELL AS THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS  
6 AFFAIRS. THIS DEMONSTRATES A PATH FORWARD FOR THE COUNTY TO  
7 ENGAGE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. IT IS OFTEN THOUGHT  
8 THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT  
9 SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SAFETY NET. IT IS HIGH TIME THAT WE  
10 MORE EXPLICITLY COMMUNICATE THAT OUR ROLE IN THIS REGION IS  
11 CRITICAL. IT IS PIVOTAL AS IT RELATES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
12 JOB GROWTH, AND ALL OF THAT WHICH SURROUNDS IT. MAINTAINING  
13 ECONOMICALLY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, IS  
14 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES'S BUSINESS. IT JUST SIMPLY IS. I  
15 THINK THE GREAT RECESSION TAUGHT US A BIG LESSON. THAT IS,  
16 L.A. REGION, AS ENDOWED AS IT MIGHT BE, IS NOT IMMUNE TO THE  
17 SERIOUS ISSUES OF JOB LOSS AND ECONOMIC DESTABILIZATION. WE  
18 WENT THROUGH IT PRETTY HARD, NOT AS HARD AS OTHERS ACROSS THE  
19 NATION, BUT IN FACT, WE HAD TO BEAR OUR SHARE OF IT. MANY  
20 FAMILIES WERE SEVERELY IMPACTED. WE KNOW THIS. AND IT MAKES IT  
21 CLEAR TO ME THAT WE NEED TO BE INTENTIONAL, WE NEED TO BE  
22 VIGILANT, THAT IS TO SAY, PROACTIVE IN THE QUEST TO MAINTAIN A  
23 HEALTHY ECONOMY. IT'S JUST OUR RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE CAN'T  
24 DENY IT. WE NEED TO PRODUCE JOBS AND HELP MORE JOBS TO BE  
25 PRODUCED. WE NEED TO BE ABOVE THE ISSUE OF GOOD WAGES AND

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1 WAGES THAT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR FAMILIES TO AFFORD DECENT AND  
2 SAFE HOUSING. THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS IS TO MAKE SURE THESE  
3 THINGS HAPPEN. WHY? BECAUSE WE IN MANY RESPECTS UNDERPINNED  
4 THE FISCAL HEALTH OF THIS REGION. AFTER ALL, WE LAY CLAIM TO  
5 100,000 EMPLOYEES. THAT CONSTITUTES SIGNIFICANT PURCHASING  
6 POWER. TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, ALL OF US HAVE TO  
7 BE VERY, VERY CONSCIOUS OF THAT. A STRONG ECONOMY AFFORDS US  
8 THE TAX REVENUES TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE  
9 A STURDY SAFETY NET OF SERVICES. AND THAT MEANS THAT WE CAN  
10 BETTER CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SENIORS, THOSE WHO ARE OUR YOUTH  
11 AND THOSE WHO ARE DISABLED AND THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND EVEN  
12 THOSE WHO ARE, IN FACT, THE WORKING POOR. IT SEEMS TO ME WE  
13 SPEAK OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT IN THE SAME BREATH WE HAVE  
14 TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE. AND SO THE COUNTY'S  
15 COMMITMENT TO RAISING INCOME LEVELS FOR THE WORKING POOR JUST  
16 SIMPLY HELPS GROW OUR LOCAL ECONOMY WHILE MAKING FAMILIES LESS  
17 VULNERABLE AND LESS DEPENDENT ON THAT SAFETY NET. THAT SHOULD  
18 BE THE LAST RESORT, AND WE CAN DO MORE. WE SHOULD DO MORE TO  
19 SPEAK TO THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EVERY HUMAN BEING, AND THAT  
20 MEANS MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR  
21 FAMILIES. I'M PLEASED, I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE CREATIVITY THAT  
22 ATTACHES TO THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING IN TERMS OF BIOSCIENCE.  
23 WHY? BECAUSE IT IS THE SINGLE SECTOR THAT DEFIED THE DIP AT  
24 THE POINT OF THE HEIGHT OF THE GREAT RECESSION. THIS SECTOR  
25 PAYS GOOD JOBS AND PROVIDES SKILLS AT ALL LEVELS. THE TAX



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1 REVENUES ARE SIGNIFICANT. THE STUDY THAT THE BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS COMMISSIONED MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT WE HAD  
3 TREMENDOUS GROWTH POTENTIAL IN VARIOUS SECTORS THROUGHOUT THE  
4 COUNTY, ALL FIVE DISTRICTS, WHERE HUBS CAN POTENTIALLY BE  
5 SEATED AND TAKE OFF. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE AN  
6 OBLIGATION. WE HAVE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS THAT PLAY A ROLE IN  
7 THIS REGARD. WE, IN MANY RESPECTS, GRADUATE THE BEST IN THE  
8 FIELD. WE CANNOT RETAIN THEM, BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SET IN PLACE  
9 THE CENTERS TO DO SO. AND SO THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK  
10 WITH L.A.E.D.C., THE C.E.O., THE C.D.C., AS WELL AS THE  
11 BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO MAKE MEANINGFUL THINGS HAPPEN  
12 IN THE CONTEXT OF L.A.C.+U.S.C., HARBOR, M.L.K., RANCHO, AND  
13 OLIVE VIEW. THESE ARE ASSETS THAT CAN BE LEVERAGED. WE'VE HAD  
14 THIS CONVERSATION. BUT THIS IS A VERY, VERY PROMISING PIECE OF  
15 THE WORK THAT THE COUNTY CAN AND SHOULD DO. I'M VERY MUCH  
16 INTERESTED IN THE CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IN TERMS OF WHAT  
17 WILL BE RECOMMENDED, THE RESOURCES THAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR  
18 TO CAUSE US TO GET INTO THIS DISCUSSION IN A REAL WAY, IN A  
19 TIMELY WAY. AND I THINK WE WILL HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE WERE WE  
20 ABLE TO DO SO. MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
21 BE HEARD ON THIS MATTER. I DO HAVE QUESTIONS I'LL HOLD FOR NOW  
22 UNTIL THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, KUEHL AND ANTONOVICH.

25

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. YEAH, THIS IS DEFINITELY  
2   AN EXCITING TIME I THINK FOR ALL OF US, AND STARTING WITH BABY  
3   STEPS STARTING WITH THE CONCIERGE, I THINK THAT GENERATED A  
4   LOT OF INTEREST THROUGH EMPLOYERS, BOTH SMALL, MEDIUM AND  
5   LARGE. AND VERY CANDIDLY, YOU MENTIONED IT IN THE COMMENTS  
6   FROM C.D.C., BUT THE S.I.P. PROGRAM, WITHOUT THAT, WE WOULD  
7   HAVE LOST WEBER METALS. THAT WAS A STIMULUS THAT WE WERE ABLE  
8   TO PUT TOGETHER TO KEEP A VERY -- IT'S A MEDIUM-SIZED  
9   MANUFACTURER, BUT A LOT OF JOBS IN MY AREA, IN MY DISTRICT AS  
10   WELL AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. ARE THERE WAYS, ARE WE  
11   LOOKING AT WAYS TO BRING DOWN THAT \$150 MILLION MINIMUM?

12

13   **DOUG BARON:** YES, SUPERVISOR. I MEAN, WE'RE EVALUATING VARIOUS  
14   LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES WHICH COULD SEEK TO REDUCE IT TO AS  
15   LOW AS \$25 MILLION, PERHAPS EXPANDING THE LIST OF  
16   MANUFACTURERS WHO WOULD QUALIFY, AND EVEN TO LOOK AT A MULTI-  
17   PHASE INVESTMENT PROGRAM THAT WOULD QUALIFY, AS WELL.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, BECAUSE EVERYONE'S  
20   SORT OF FOCUSED THE NEWSPAPER COVERAGE, THE GOOGLES, THE  
21   MICROSOFTS AND ALL THE BIGGIES THAT COME INTO THE AREA. BUT  
22   THERE'S A LOT OF UNKNOWN, NOT WELL-KNOWN EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT  
23   THIS GREAT COUNTY, FROM NORTH COUNTY TO SOUTH COUNTY, THE  
24   SOUTHEAST, TO THE WEST SIDE THAT DO A LOT OF WORK AND REALLY  
25   CONTRIBUTE TO A LOT OF THE JOBS. AND AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS MENTIONED, I MEAN, THE OTHER BIG PIECE OF ALL THIS IS  
2 THE BIOSCIENCE PIECE, WHICH CAN BE A REAL GENERATOR OF JOBS.  
3 YOU KNOW, OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH L.A. BIOMED, U.S.C., ALL THE  
4 OTHER PROGRAMS OF POSSIBILITIES OUT THERE. BUT INSIDE THAT  
5 BUBBLE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WORKING TODAY THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO  
6 EXPAND OR CREATE BETTER JOBS, NOT BETTER JOBS BUT MORE JOBS, I  
7 THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANTLY, IF WE'RE ABLE TO SORT OF ACCESS  
8 TO BRING IT DOWN TO A LEVEL THAT THEY MIGHT QUALIFY. BUT I  
9 KNOW THE WEBER METAL FOLKS AND THE PEOPLE THAT WORK THERE WERE  
10 EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH OUR EFFORTS AND HOW WE WERE ABLE TO  
11 FACILITATE THAT PROCESS A FEW YEARS AGO. SO THIS IS A GREAT  
12 DAY.

13

14 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE'RE ALL VERY PLEASED WITH THE  
17 PROGRESS AND THE COLLABORATION, C.D.C., COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
18 SERVICES, CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. I WANTED TO ADD A FEW  
19 THOUGHTS ABOUT THINGS THAT WE MAY BE LOOKING AT IN THE NEAR  
20 FUTURE THAT COME TOGETHER WITH THIS, BECAUSE THESE INITIATIVES  
21 ARE PRIMARILY ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS, MEDIUM-  
22 SIZED BUSINESS WITH THE FAITH THAT WHAT THAT MEANS IS THE  
23 DEVELOPMENT OF JOBS. AND GENERALLY IT DOES. AND SOME OF THESE  
24 PROGRAMS ARE TIED SO THAT WE LOOK -- THAT THERE WILL BE THE  
25 CREATION OF THEORETICALLY ONE JOB PER EVERY 50-K OF LOANS, BUT

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1 THE LOANS ARE PAID BACK, SO THE MONEY KEEPS REVOLVING. I'M  
2 ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
3 EMPLOYEES. AND I KNOW THAT ALL ARE. I MEAN, IT'S NOT  
4 NECESSARILY OUR DISCUSSION FOR TODAY. BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE  
5 THINGS THAT I THINK I WANT TO PUT IN, BECAUSE WE'RE OBVIOUSLY  
6 HAVING DISCUSSIONS, FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH BRIAN'S SHOP AND  
7 OTHERS ABOUT HOW TO MOVE FORWARD IN THOSE AREAS, AS WELL.  
8 FIRST OF ALL, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
9 ALL OF OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS, NOT JUST THE COUNTY-RUN ONES,  
10 BUT THOSE WITH WHOM WE CONTRACT, TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT PEOPLE  
11 ARE BEING TRAINED TO DO THINGS THAT ARE 21ST-CENTURY JOBS,  
12 BECAUSE SOMETIMES PEOPLE, WE JUST KEEP DOING THE SAME THING  
13 OVER AND OVER AND WE'RE TRAINING PEOPLE AND WE DON'T REALLY  
14 KNOW NOT JUST EMERGING SECTORS BUT RETURNING SECTORS. IF WE  
15 THINK MANUFACTURING IS COMING BACK AND WE WANT IT TO, WHAT ARE  
16 WE DOING IN OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS AND ESPECIALLY IN  
17 COLLABORATION WITH COLLEGES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES? WE ALSO,  
18 OF COURSE, ARE LOOKING AT HELPING THE WORKERS THEMSELVES. THEY  
19 MAY INDEED BE LIFTED OUT OF POVERTY, WHICH MEANS THEY'RE  
20 LIFTED OUT OF SUPPORT BY OUR PROGRAMS. SO SUDDENLY THEY'RE  
21 KIND OF ON THEIR OWN IN A GOOD WAY, BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT  
22 THINGS LIKE THE EARNED-INCOME TAX CREDIT AND OTHER WAYS. AND I  
23 WONDER IF WHEN WE'RE LOOKING IN COLLABORATION WITH BANKS WHO  
24 ARE HELPING US WITH THIS SECTOR IF WE MIGHT ALSO LOOK AT HOW  
25 THOSE BANKS MIGHT HELP OUR EMPLOYEES, NOT OUR EMPLOYEES, BUT

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1 THE EMPLOYEES WHOSE JOBS ARE BEING CREATED IN TERMS OF THEIR  
2 OWN NO-INTEREST LOANS OR LOW-INTEREST LOANS OR NON-FEE  
3 CHECKING ACCOUNTS, OR, YOU KNOW, SMALL THINGS, SAVINGS  
4 ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR KIDS, WHATEVER, THAT WILL HELP PEOPLE,  
5 THEN, DEVELOP HABITS THAT WILL ALSO, I THINK, HELP THEIR  
6 CHILDREN. WE HEARD TODAY THAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEANS GOOD-  
7 PAYING JOBS. THAT IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE. I DON'T THINK WE  
8 REQUIRE ANYTHING ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE YET. AND OUR CURRENT  
9 MINIMUM WAGE, IT'S ONLY MY PERSONAL OPINION, IT'S NOT EXACTLY  
10 WHAT I WOULD CALL A GOOD-PAYING JOB. AS A MATTER OF FACT,  
11 EVERYBODY ON MINIMUM WAGE IS PRETTY MUCH ALSO RELYING ON THE  
12 COUNTY FOR A LOT OF THEIR SERVICES. SO WE'RE NOT REQUIRING  
13 ANYTHING ABOVE MINIMUM WAGE, BUT WE MAY WANT TO THINK ABOUT  
14 THIS AS AN ASPECT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. YOU KNOW, WE'RE  
15 RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE IN OUR AREAS, BUT IT'S SORT OF  
16 HAPPENING CITY BY CITY. I THINK ALSO IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR US  
17 TO PAY ATTENTION, AND I KNOW YOU ARE, BUT I MEAN  
18 SYSTEMATICALLY, DO OUR POPULATIONS GETTING THESE JOBS OR BEING  
19 ABLE TO BE TRAINED FOR THESE JOBS, OUR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH,  
20 PEOPLE RECENTLY OUT OF JAIL. WE'RE TRYING TO SAY TO EVERYBODY,  
21 YOU KNOW, BAN THE BOX. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO TURN DOWN ANYBODY  
22 JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE SERVED TIME. OUR YOUTH NEEDS TRAINING.  
23 OUR OWN COUNTY IS STARTING A FAIRLY MASSIVE PROGRAM TO MAKE  
24 CERTAIN THAT OUR POPULATIONS HAVE A REAL SHOT AT OUR ENTRY-  
25 LEVEL JOBS, OF WHICH THERE ARE MANY. AND H.R. IS DOING A GREAT

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1 JOB OF THIS. AND I'M VERY, VERY PLEASED ABOUT IT. FINALLY, I  
2 GUESS THE QUESTION WOULD BE MAYBE TO C.D.C., HOW WILL WE  
3 TRACK? THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE THING THAT WE WORRIED ABOUT  
4 WHEN WE WERE IN THE STATE, AS WELL. HOW DO WE TRACK THE FACT  
5 THAT WE'VE MADE THESE LOANS IN THE HOPES THAT THEY'LL CREATE  
6 NEW JOBS? HOW DO THEY KNOW THAT THEY DID?

7

8 **SEAN ROGAN:** SURE, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE GOOD NEWS IS, IS  
9 THAT AT THE C.D.C., WITH ALL THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE  
10 RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING, TRACKING IS A KEY COMPONENT PIECE,  
11 AS IT RELATES TO JOBS, YOU LOOK AT EXISTING WORKFORCE, YOU  
12 LOOK AT HOW A LOAN OR ANY OTHER PROGRAM THAT WE'RE PROVIDING  
13 ASSISTANCE TO THAT BUSINESS OWNER THEN CREATES THOSE JOBS, AND  
14 WE THEN LOOK FOR THE EVIDENCE AND THE PROOF IN TERMS OF  
15 PAYROLL AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS CREATED, AND THEN WE TRACK  
16 THAT. SO TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, WE ACTUALLY HAVE SYSTEMS IN  
17 PLACE WHERE WE DO THAT SORT OF THING REGULARLY AS A NORMAL  
18 COURSE OF OUR BUSINESS.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST ADD, TOO, I KNOW THAT WITH  
21 THE RECENT RE-AUTHORIZATION OF W.I.A., W.I.O.A., WHATEVER, HAS  
22 CHANGED, AND THERE IS A REQUIREMENT TO BEGIN TO TRACK WHAT  
23 TYPES OF TRAINING LEAD TO JOBS. SO ON THE PREMISE THAT YOU  
24 WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FUNDING IF YOU'RE ACTUALLY ABLE TO  
25 PLACE PEOPLE IN JOBS. SO I KNOW THAT THAT'S GOING TO CREATE A

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1 NEW STANDARD FOR US AS WELL AS WHAT AREAS WE'RE TRACKING JOB  
2 DEVELOPMENT. AND I AGREE THAT WE DO NEED TO LIFT PEOPLE UP  
3 THAT ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING OUR SERVICES AND TRY TO GET THEM  
4 IN SUSTAINABLE JOBS. SO THOSE WHO ARE MAYBE TRANSITIONING OUT  
5 OF THE JAILS OR THROUGH WELFARE REFORM PROGRAMS, T.A.N.F. AND  
6 ALL THAT, THAT THEY CAN ALSO POTENTIALLY BE A PART OF IT. I  
7 KNOW H.R. HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE JOB REGISTRY PROGRAM, WHICH  
8 I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THEM, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S GOOD,  
9 IT'S A GOOD START, AND IT'S ABOUT INVESTING IN OUR  
10 POPULATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT SOME OF US REPRESENT IN  
11 VERY HARD-PRESSED AREAS THAT HAVEN'T SEEN ANY STIMULUS IN A  
12 LONG TIME. SO, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND RIDLEY-THOMAS?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE BEGINNING, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE  
15 ECONOMIC CONDITION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RELATIVE TO  
16 POVERTY POCKETS, ET CETERA. COULD YOU GIVE US THE EDUCATIONAL  
17 BACKGROUND HOW OUR COUNTY, THOSE THAT WERE SURVEYED, WHAT  
18 THEIR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND WAS, AND ALSO THEIR LEGAL STATUS?  
19 THAT WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT AS TO A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
20 STATISTICS THAT WERE BEING PRESENTED. AND SECOND OR THIRDLY,  
21 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE ONE OF THE GREAT JOB-TRAINING  
22 INSTITUTIONS THAT WE HAVE. AND AGAIN, WHEN WE WERE TALKING  
23 ABOUT THE SMALL BUSINESS AND THAT AND ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY  
24 COLLEGES, WE HAVE MANY, MANY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
25 THAT HAVE SUCH UNIQUE PROGRAMS TO GET PEOPLE WORKING AND ALSO



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1 TO HELP BUSINESSES GET ON THEIR FEET UTILIZING THEM. AND I  
2 KNOW THE L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HAS A VARIETY, TRADE  
3 TECH ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE OTHERS. AND I KNOW ANTELOPE  
4 VALLEY COLLEGE HAS UNIQUE PROGRAMS WHERE NOW THEY'RE OFFERING  
5 A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING AND WITH A HIGH  
6 SCHOOL PROGRAM THAT THEY HAVE ON THEIR CAMPUS, AS WE HAVE WITH  
7 MT. S.A.C., CITRUS COLLEGE, PASADENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
8 GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THEY'RE A GREAT RESOURCE AND  
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN FOR FUTURE JOBS.

10

11 **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A QUICK QUESTION, MADAME CHAIR, AND  
16 IT'S ESSENTIALLY THIS: HOW DOES THE C.D.C. INDUSTRY SECTOR  
17 PROGRAMS SEE ITSELF WORKING IN COLLABORATION OR IN CONCERT  
18 WITH THE COUNTY'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S JOB TRAINING  
19 PROGRAM, AND ADD TO THAT L.A.E.D.C.'S INDUSTRY SECTOR  
20 INITIATIVE? SO, HOW REFINED IS THE COLLABORATIVE WITH RESPECT  
21 TO THESE THREE PIECES? AND IF IN FACT THERE'S NOT A READY  
22 RESPONSE AT THIS MOMENT, I WOULD WANT TO INVITE IN A FOLLOWUP  
23 CONVERSATION AND/OR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD A DRILLDOWN THAT  
24 HELPS US UNDERSTAND THAT THE RESPECTIVE PIECES THAT THE BOARD  
25 HAS EITHER FUNDED OR ENDORSED, HOW THEY ARE IN FACT WORKING

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1 TOGETHER TO CULTIVATE A HIGHER LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN TERMS  
2 OF WORKFORCE INVESTMENT. THIS SPEAKS TO THE CULTIVATION OF THE  
3 EMPLOYEE BASE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO TARGET AND BRING FORWARD  
4 AND HOW THAT, THEN, ARTICULATES WITH RESPECT TO THE BIOSCIENCE  
5 INITIATIVE AS WELL AS THE OTHER INDUSTRY SECTOR INITIATIVES  
6 THAT C.D.C. IS SEEKING TO IMPACT. THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT  
7 AS WE BEGIN TO TRY TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THE WORK THAT WE  
8 ARE EMBARKING ON AND ULTIMATELY WOULD NEED TO BE METRICS-  
9 DRIVEN. THAT'S WHERE WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF EFFICACY AND  
10 ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THERE.  
11 AND SO, 30 DAYS OUT OR WHATEVER TIME DEEMED APPROPRIATE MIGHT  
12 BE USEFUL TO GET FEEDBACK ON THOSE PARTICULAR POINTS AND  
13 CONCERNS. UNLESS YOU'RE READY NOW.

14

15 **SEAN ROGAN:** WELL, I APPRECIATE THAT. I MEAN, AS YOU'RE WELL  
16 AWARE, WE LAUNCHED THE BIOSCIENCE EFFORT WITH L.A.E.D.C.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

19

20 **SEAN ROGAN:** THEIR START DATE WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.  
21 AND THEY'RE ENGAGED IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ASPECTS THAT  
22 WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THEM ON, IN TERMS OF LOOKING AT  
23 INVENTORY, LOOKING AT CAPITAL, LOOKING AT A GAP ANALYSIS,  
24 LOOKING AT WHAT OUR STRENGTHS ARE, WHAT OUR WEAKNESSES ARE,  
25 EVEN LOOKING AT POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES BOTH OWNED BY THE

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1 COUNTY AND NOT. SO AS PART OF THAT EFFORT, AND AS WE CONTINUE  
2 THIS DIALOGUE, YOU KNOW, THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
3 POTENTIALLY CAN PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS. AND THAT'S  
4 PART OF THE COLLABORATION IN THE DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE HAVING,  
5 IS HOW TO LINK SOME OF THESE DOLLARS THAT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT  
6 PUTS FORTH INTO JOBS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SPECIFIC FEEDBACK ON HOW THAT'S WORKING  
9 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

10

11 **SEAN ROGAN:** CERTAINLY.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW WE'RE GOING TO  
14 CALL UP SOME WITNESSES THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. I WANT  
15 TO THANK THE STAFF AGAIN. GARY TOEBBEN, GREATER LOS ANGELES  
16 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MARK ROBERTSON, STEPHEN CHEUNG. AND HOLLY  
17 SCHROEDER. GOOD AFTERNOON.

18

19 **GARY TOEBBEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS GARY  
20 TOEBBEN. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF  
21 COMMERCE. AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SAY THANK YOU FOR MAKING  
22 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT A HIGH PRIORITY AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF YOUR STAFF. I WANT TO THANK SACHI FOR  
24 THE REPORT AND THE EXTENSIVE REPORT. WE'VE READ THE REPORT AND  
25 REVIEWED ALL EIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUPPORT ALL EIGHT. I

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1 WANT TO DRAW SOME SPECIAL ATTENTION IN JUST A BRIEF PERIOD OF  
2 TIME HERE TO ACTION ITEM NO. 2, AND THAT DEALS WITH BIO  
3 SCIENCES. AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE WORD "ACTION PLAN." I  
4 TOOK MY JOB 10 YEARS AGO, AND I REMEMBER MEETING WITH U.S.C.  
5 AND U.C.L.A. REPRESENTATIVES 10 YEARS AGO WHO WERE TALKING  
6 ABOUT BIOSCIENCE DEVELOPMENT. AND IT HAS NOT HAPPENED  
7 SUFFICIENTLY IN OUR COUNTY YET. AND I URGE THIS BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ACTION IN THIS AREA. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY  
9 THAT WE ARE MISSING OUT ON. YOU'VE PROBABLY ALL VISITED  
10 MISSION BAY IN SAN FRANCISCO. THEY STARTED ON THAT ABOUT THE  
11 SAME TIME EVERYBODY STARTED TALKING HERE. WE NEED ACTION ON  
12 BIO SCIENCES. I WOULD URGE YOU TO MAKE THAT A PRIORITY. AND I  
13 WOULD ALSO URGE YOU THAT THE WORD ACTION AND URGENCY IS  
14 IMPORTANT FOR EVERY INTERACTION YOU HAVE WITH THE BUSINESS  
15 COMMUNITY. THEY NEED YOUR HELP, AND THEY NEED IT QUICKLY. SO I  
16 ASK YOU TO PROVIDE THAT IN ALL YOUR INTERACTIONS. THANK YOU  
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS?

20

21 **MARK ROBERTSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK ROBERTSON. I'M  
22 PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
23 CORPORATION. I'M ALSO A COMMISSIONER ON THE COUNTY'S SMALL  
24 BUSINESS COMMISSION, WHICH SUPPORTS THE COUNTY-WIDE ECONOMIC  
25 DEVELOPMENT MOTION THAT THIS BOARD APPROVED LAST OCTOBER. I

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1 SHOULD ADD, THOUGH, THAT AS THE C.D.C. MOVES TOWARDS  
2 IDENTIFYING THE SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE  
3 PLAN, THAT IT ALSO CONSIDERS THE IMPORTANCE OF SMALL BUSINESS  
4 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. A WISE MAN ONCE WROTE THAT PEOPLE PERISH  
5 FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. NOW, CERTAINLY THE WRITER WAS  
6 CONTEMPLATING KNOWLEDGE ON A LESS WORLDLY LEVEL, BUT THE SAME  
7 RULES APPLY TO SUCH THINGS AS UNDERSTANDING HOW TO PREPARE OR  
8 EVEN READ A FINANCIAL STATEMENT, HOW TO DO A -- HOW TO  
9 CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, RECORDKEEPING, MARKETING  
10 PLANS, BUSINESS PLANS, EVEN THE LEGALITIES OF RUNNING A  
11 BUSINESS. IF THE SMALL BUSINESSES WE DESIRE TO HELP DO NOT  
12 GRASP THESE AND OTHER VITAL PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS,  
13 THE COUNTY-WIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN WILL NOT SUCCEED TO  
14 ITS FULLEST. TO MITIGATE THAT AND TO THE EXTENT THE COUNTY  
15 CANNOT PROVIDE SUCH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTLY, I WOULD  
16 SUGGEST THE ENGAGEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND  
17 BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF SMALL BUSINESS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
18 PROVIDERS SUCH AS THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND  
19 ITS LOS ANGELES NETWORK OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.  
20 THIS NETWORK IS LOCATED COUNTY-WIDE IN 8 SITES FROM THE SOUTH  
21 BAY TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, FROM LAVERNE TO WEST LOS ANGELES,  
22 FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY TO SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND THROUGH  
23 THIS NETWORK, THOUSANDS OF COUNTY SMALL BUSINESSES ANNUALLY  
24 RECEIVE THE KNOWLEDGE THEY NEED TO TAKE THEIR BUSINESSES TO  
25 THE DESIRED NEXT LEVEL. I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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2 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. STEPHEN.

3

4 **STEPHEN CHEUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN  
6 SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY-WIDE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
7 PROGRAM. AS L.A. COUNTY CONTINUES TO RECOVER FROM THE GREAT  
8 RECESSION, WE HAVE SEEN GREAT PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE  
9 DISTRICT. IN FACT, L.A. COUNTY HAS REACHED A STAGGERING \$664  
10 BILLION IN G.D.P. JUST LAST YEAR. IF WE WERE A COUNTRY, WE  
11 WOULD BE 20TH LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD. HOWEVER, THERE IS  
12 A LOT MORE TO DO FOR THE VARIOUS REGIONS WITHIN THE LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY. AND I THINK THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT WE CAN DO  
14 TOGETHER TO CREATE HIGH-QUALITY JOBS FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS  
15 THROUGHOUT THIS REGION. AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, WE RELY  
16 HEAVILY ON THE DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP FROM THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS. AND YOUR VISION TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
18 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN HELP MANY IN THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE  
19 SECTOR TO COALESCE AROUND KEY ELEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE LAID OUT  
20 FOR US. FOR THE WORLD TRADE CENTER LOS ANGELES, WE'RE  
21 DELIGHTED TO SUPPORT THE PLAN'S GOAL OF ATTRACTING FOREIGN  
22 DIRECT INVESTMENT AS WELL AS PROMOTING EXPORTS, ESPECIALLY FOR  
23 SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZE COMPANIES AND ALSO FOR MANUFACTURERS.  
24 FURTHERMORE, THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED EARLIER  
25 SUCH AS THE MAUFACTURING BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM AND THE

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1 BIOSCIENCE RECOVERY LOAN FUND AND ALSO THE CATALYTIC  
2 DEVELOPMENT FUND WILL HELP STIMULATE THE GROWTH OF THE  
3 BIOSCIENCE AND OTHER KEY INDUSTRIES IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION.  
4 THIS EFFORT CAN HELP ATTRACT ADDITIONAL FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.  
5 AS THE WORLD ECONOMY CONTINUES TO CHANGE, THE U.S. HAS ASSUMED  
6 ITS POSITION AS THE LEADING INNOVATOR FOR THE WORLD, AND THERE  
7 ARE NO OTHER COUNTIES BETTER THAN LOS ANGELES TO BECOME THE  
8 INNOVATIVE CAPITAL OF THE NATION. WITH OVER 118 HIGHER  
9 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
10 PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS, THERE ARE NO BETTER  
11 PLACES TO ATTRACT THESE INTERNATIONAL FIRMS THAT ARE LOOKING  
12 FOR TALENTED WORKFORCE TO MANUFACTURE THEIR INNOVATIVE  
13 PRODUCTS. SO, ROBUST BIOSCIENCE AND OTHER KEY INDUSTRY  
14 CLUSTERS WILL HELP ORGANIZATIONS LIKE MYSELF TO COMPETE  
15 AGAINST OTHER STATES, OTHER COUNTIES, AND OTHER COUNTRIES FOR  
16 THESE GOOD JOBS TO COME TO LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
17 LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE COUNT ON THE  
18 WORLD TRADE CENTER TO SUPPORT YOUR GREAT EFFORTS.

19

20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. HOLLY SCHROEDER,  
21 BILL ALLEN, CECILIA ESTOLANO, ANTHONY DUARTE, JOSEPH DIEGUEZ.  
22 GO AHEAD. OKAY, CECILIA?

23

24 **CECILIA ESTOLANO:** OKAY. MY NAME IS CECILIA ESTOLANO, AND I'M  
25 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE L.A. BIOSCIENCE HUB. I WANT TO



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1 SPEAK TO REALLY THREE CATEGORIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS. FIRST, I  
2 WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE MANUFACTURING REVOLVING LOAN FUND.  
3 COMMEND THE BOARD'S LEADERSHIP OVERALL ON MOVING FORWARD ON A  
4 ROBUST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, BUT IN PARTICULAR TRYING  
5 TO COME UP WITH THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND THAT IS FLEXIBLE,  
6 WHICH IT IS, WHICH IS TERRIFIC, AND IT'S GEOGRAPHICALLY  
7 FOCUSED, AS WELL. WE'RE REALLY FOCUSED ON THIS, BECAUSE AS THE  
8 L.A. BIOSCIENCE HUB, WE'RE IN THE EAST SIDE'S INDUSTRIAL AREA.  
9 IT'S ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN THE COUNTY,  
10 AND IT'S THE PERFECT LOCATION TO RE-POSITION INDUSTRIAL  
11 PROPERTY FOR HIGHER-VALUE-ADDED, HIGHER-PAYING JOBS IN THE  
12 BIOSCIENCE SECTOR, WHICH IS WHY OUR APPROACH TO THIS IS  
13 COMPLETELY INTEGRATED WITH A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT APPROACH. I  
14 WANT TO COMMEND THE W.I.B., THE COUNTY W.I.B., FOR WORKING  
15 WITH US ON OUR L.A. BIOTECH LEADERS ACADEMY, WHERE WE TAKE  
16 EAST L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS AND HELP PLACE THEM IN  
17 BIOSCIENCE INTERNSHIPS WITH BIOSCIENCE COMPANIES HERE IN L.A.  
18 COUNTY. BUT WE ALSO TEACH THEM PRINCIPLES OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
19 AND HOW TO SET UP THEIR OWN COMPANIES. THE W.I.B. HAS BEEN  
20 TERRIFIC, HELPING US MATCH THE GRANT WE RECEIVED FROM THE  
21 GOLDBIRSH FOUNDATION, AND WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS  
22 THIS SUMMER. THE OTHR THING I WANTED TO ADDRESS, THOUGH, IS  
23 THE STRATEGY AROUND A BIOSCIENCE HUB HAS TO BE ABOUT INVESTING  
24 IN INFRASTRUCTURE. SO, WHEN YOU COMBINE THE REVOLVING LOAN  
25 FUND, WHICH WILL HELP THESE BIOSCIENCE COMPANIES STAY IN LOS

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1 ANGELES, WITH AN ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCED DISTRICT OR  
2 A C.R.A. IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA WHERE THE CITY AND THE COUNTY  
3 TOGETHER HAVE PROPERTY, THIS COULD BE AN EXCELLENT APPROACH TO  
4 REVITALIZING THIS COMMUNITY. SO WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS IS A  
5 GOOD STRATEGY THAT HAS TO BE FOCUSED. AND TO SUPERVISOR  
6 KUEHL'S POINT, WE DO THINK PERFORMANCE METRICS AROUND THE  
7 LEVEL OF WAGES IS CRITICAL. SO, EVEN AS YOU AWARD GRANTS ON  
8 THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND, YOU MAY WANT TO GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY  
9 TO FIRMS THAT PAY HIGHER WAGES. LIKEWISE, IN SETTING THE GOALS  
10 OF AN E.I.F.D. OR A C.R.A. IN THE AREA THAT WE'RE INTERESTED  
11 IN, THERE SHOULD BE SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE METRICS ABOUT PLACING  
12 LOCAL PEOPLE IN GOOD-PAYING JOBS IN ORDER TO ACCESS THOSE  
13 FUNDS.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MISS ESCALANTO, I WANTED TO ASK YOU A  
18 QUESTION IF I MIGHT. IN THINKING ABOUT BIOSCIENCE CORRIDORS  
19 AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WHOLE STRENGTHENING A SECTOR IN  
20 L.A. COUNTY, THE JOBS THAT COME TO MIND FOR ME IN THE  
21 BIOSCIENCES WOULD GENERALLY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE KIND OF  
22 PEOPLE WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, TO ENTRY-LEVEL, ET CETERA. SO  
23 I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN YOUR TESTIMONY ABOUT THE PROGRAMS  
24 WITH OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES, ET CETERA, BECAUSE SOMETIMES  
25 YOU'LL ESTABLISH A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HUB AND PEOPLE MOVE

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1 HERE FROM MINNEAPOLIS. YOU KNOW, IT'S A FINE THING. SILICON  
2 BEACH IS GROWING BEAUTIFULLY. BUT I DON'T THINK WE'RE  
3 EMPLOYING A LOT OF PEOPLE IN SILICON BEACH THAT WE'RE THINKING  
4 ABOUT HERE IN TERMS OF SORT OF RAISING THEIR EXPECTATIONS,  
5 HOPES, AND ABILITY TO LIVE. SO, COULD YOU ELABORATE JUST A  
6 LITTLE BIT ON WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE CONNECTION WITH THE  
7 POPULATION. WE'RE NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN THEM. BUT.

8

9 **CECILIA ESTOLANO:** MY PERSONAL VIEW ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.  
10 IT'S ABOUT HOME-GROWN TALENT, AND WE HAVE IT HERE IN LOS  
11 ANGELES IN ABUNDANCE. IN PARTICULAR, I CAN ACTUALLY SPEAK TO  
12 YOUR DISTRICT. THERE'S A TERRIFIC PROGRAM IN SANTA MONICA  
13 COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THERE'S A WONDERFUL S.T.E.M. PROGRAM IN  
14 EAST L.A. COLLEGE. COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS HAS INCREDIBLE  
15 PROGRAMS. I ALSO WEAR THE HAT AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
16 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES, SO I HAVE  
17 A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THIS. THE POINT IS, ALL YOU NEED IS  
18 REALLY A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM OR A TWO-YEAR DEGREE AND YOU HAVE  
19 AN ENTRE INTO A TERRIFIC FIELD IN BIOSCIENCE, BUT IT HAS TO BE  
20 AN INTENTIONAL APPROACH. WE CAN'T JUST BE TALKING ABOUT  
21 IMPORTING TALENT. WE NEED TO GROW OUR TALENT HERE IN LOS  
22 ANGELES AND HAVE EXPLICIT CONNECTIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY  
23 COLLEGES, WITH THEIR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, WITH THEIR S.T.E.M.  
24 PROGRAMS, AND WE HAVE TO TELL OUR BIOSCIENCE COMPANIES, IN  
25 EXCHANGE FOR GETTING SUPPORT, YOU NEED TO HIRE OUR PEOPLE. YOU

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1 NEED TO GIVE PAID INTERNSHIPS TO OUR STUDENTS, BECAUSE THEY  
2 DON'T LIKE TO DO PAID INTERNSHIPS. IN FACT, WHEN WE TALKED TO  
3 E.L.A.C., THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID. THEY CAN GET RESEARCH  
4 POSITIONS AT UNIVERSITIES, BUT THEY'RE HAVING A HECK OF A TIME  
5 PLACING THEIR STUDENTS IN THE COMPANIES. SO, IF WE'RE GOING DO  
6 A BIOSCIENCE CLUSTER AND A BIOSCIENCE SECTOR, IT HAS TO BE  
7 RELATED TO EMPLOYING OUR YOUTH, THE FOLKS COMING OUT OF OUR  
8 COMMUNITY COLLEGES AS WELL AS OUR UNIVERSITIES.

9

10 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION,  
13 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND MISS ESTOLANO, YOUR RESPONSE IS  
14 INSTRUCTIVE, I BELIEVE. MAY I OFFER THIS ILLUSTRATION. BOSTON  
15 SCIENTIFIC IN THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, VALENCIA TO BE  
16 SPECIFIC, AS I RECALL, 800 EMPLOYEES, FULLY DIVERSE, REFLECTED  
17 L.A. COUNTY IN A WAY THAT MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ASSUMED PRIOR TO  
18 MY SEEING IT WITH MY OWN FOUR EYES. [LAUGHTER.] IT WOULD SEEM  
19 TO ME THAT THAT'S AN EXAMPLE THAT WE WANT TO PURSUE. IT IS  
20 OBVIOUSLY INTENTIONAL, AND THE RESULTS ARE REALLY, REALLY  
21 IMPRESSIVE. SO I KNOW ON THE GROUND IT CAN HAPPEN. AND WE CAN  
22 FOSTER A WHOLE LOT MORE OF THAT. ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES ALL THE  
23 WAY UP TO ADVANCED DEGREES IS WHAT I SAW AS A RESULT OF  
24 INTERACTING WITH THE WORKFORCE. THIS IS AN AREA OF TREMENDOUS  
25 POTENTIAL AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS REGION. AND I THINK FIVE

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1 YEARS FROM NOW, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN DIEGO, BOSTON ITSELF, AND  
2 OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WILL WONDER HOW WE DROVE RIGHT PAST  
3 THEM IN TERMS OF THE POWER OF BIOMEDICAL HUBS AND THE LIKE AND  
4 THOSE RESPECTIVE VICINITIES. THAT'S WHAT I'M EXCITED ABOUT,  
5 AND I THINK WE CAN AND SHOULD DO IT THE RIGHT WAY.

6

7 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT THIS IS ALREADY  
8 HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AT CAL STATE, L.A. I VISITED UPON THE  
9 CAMPUS AND SAW THERE WERE STUDENTS ACTUALLY FROM THE COMMUNITY  
10 COLLEGE AND THE HIGH SCHOOLS THAT ARE GOING THERE AND THEY'RE  
11 ARE INTENTIONALLY BEING FOCUSED AND DRAWN IN THROUGH THE  
12 S.T.E.M. PROGRAM. AND IT'S ABOUT COLLABORATION AND  
13 PARTNERSHIP. SO, THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN'T FORCE UPON SOMEONE,  
14 BUT IF YOU WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY, THOSE ARE THE  
15 KINDS OF ELEMENTS AND THINGS THAT YOU NEED TO BRING FORWARD  
16 AND PUT ON THE TABLE. SO, I MEAN, I THINK WE'RE GOING IN THE  
17 RIGHT DIRECTION, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. THANK  
18 YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS AND THE LATE  
21 ALFRED MANN WERE QUITE INVOLVED IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
22 WITH THIS AND AT ALSO AT CAL STATE -- C.S.U.N. -- NORTHRIDGE.  
23 AND WE HAVE THESE OPPORTUNITIES. WE JUST NEED TO EXPAND THEM  
24 AND HAVE THAT COLLABORATION, AS OUR CHAIRMAN IS SAYING.

25

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1 **BILL ALLEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BILL ALLEN. I'M PRESIDENT OF  
3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHOSE  
4 CENTRAL PURPOSE IS TO RAISE STANDARDS OF LIVING FOR ALL L.A.  
5 COUNTY RESIDENTS THROUGH ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND GREATER  
6 REGIONAL PROSPERITY. I WANT TO COMMEND C.E.O. HAMAI AND C.D.C.  
7 DIRECTOR ROGAN AND THEIR STAFFS FOR THE EXCELLENT PROGRESS  
8 THEY'VE MADE ON THE SPECIFIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES  
9 WISELY IDENTIFIED BY THIS BOARD IN ITS OCTOBER 20 MOTION. THE  
10 L.A.E.D.C. IS GRATEFUL TO BE A PARTNER ON SOME OF THESE  
11 INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN IMPLEMENTATION  
12 PLAN FOR BUILDING A WORLD CLASS BIOSCIENCE CLUSTER HERE IN LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN  
14 IMPLEMENTATION, BUDGETARY, AND REPORTING PLAN FOR THE  
15 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE L.A. COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC  
16 DEVELOPMENT. A CORNERSTONE OF THAT PLAN AND OF TODAY'S REPORT  
17 IS INDUSTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS AT THE CORE OF OUR  
18 AWARD-WINNING WORK AT THE L.A.E.D.C. AND IS ALSO CENTRAL TO  
19 OUR COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE THE EXCLUSIVE PROSPERITY THAT  
20 WE SO DESPERATELY NEED. ACCORDINGLY, WE'RE HEART END TO SEE  
21 THE PRIORITY PAID TO INDUSTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT BY THIS  
22 BOARD, AND WE HOPE TO PARTNER WITH YOU ALL TO EXPAND YOUR  
23 INDUSTRY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES TO THE REGIONS MANY  
24 OTHER COMPETITIVE AND GROWING INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED IN OUR  
25 ECONOMY. WE ALSO FULLY SUPPORT THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS

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1 RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANUFACTURING BUSINESS LOAN  
2 PROGRAM, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIOSCIENCE REVOLVING LOAN  
3 FUND, AND THE EXPANSION OF THE COMMUNITY BUSINESS  
4 REVITALIZATION PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF  
5 THE COUNTY IDENTIFIED BY STAFF. AND WE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A  
6 SINGLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS  
7 FURTHER EXPLORATION OF THE TARGETED FEE WAIVER PROGRAM FOR  
8 SMALL BUSINESSES. FINALLY, WE AGREE WITH STAFF'S COMMENTS ON  
9 THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY OF ESTABLISHING ENHANCED  
10 INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING THE  
11 OPTION TO USE THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE  
12 RARE QUALIFYING MANUFACTURING FACILITY THAT MAY HAVE THE  
13 POTENTIAL TO BE A DRIVER OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY IN  
14 ONE OF OUR COUNTY'S KEY ECONOMIC CLUSTERS. WE APPLAUD THE  
15 COUNTY C.E.O., C.D.C. DIRECTOR AND THEIR STAFFS WITH PROGRESS  
16 MADE IN RECENT MONTHS, AND WE CONGRATULATE THE CHAIR AND THE  
17 ENTIRE BOARD FOR YOUR CONTINUING LEADERSHIP ON THESE CRITICALLY  
18 IMPORTANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

19  
20 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS?  
21 ANTHONY?

22  
23 **ANTHONY DUARTE:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS, SUPERVISORS.  
24 MY NAME IS ANTHONY DUARTE. I AM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
25 FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH



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1 SERVES THE CITIES OF DIAMOND BAR, WALNUT, LA PUENTE, AND THE  
2 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS, HACIENDA  
3 HEIGHTS, VALINDA, AND BASSETT. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ECHO THE  
4 GREAT WORK THAT WAS MENTIONED BY OUR SMALL BUSINESS  
5 DEVELOPMENT CENTERS. I DO FEEL THAT THEY ARE A VERY UNUSED,  
6 UNTAPPED RESOURCE HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR OUR BUSINESS  
7 COMMUNITY AND THEY ARE DOING SOME GREAT WORK OUT THERE. I'M  
8 HERE THIS MORNING TO SPEAK ON THE REPORT. I WOULD LIKE TO  
9 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH  
10 SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH IN OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE  
11 TO THANK STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK, AS WELL. OUR REGIONAL  
12 TERRITORY STILL IS EXPERIENCING A HIGH RATE OF POVERTY, AND  
13 STILL TOO MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE BARELY GETTING BY. AND WE  
14 NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO CREATE GOOD-PAYING  
15 MIDDLE-CLASS JOBS LIKE WE USED TO HAVE IN THE SAN GABRIEL  
16 VALLEY. THAT IS WHY I'M EXCITED TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSED  
17 MANUFACTURING BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM. EVER SINCE THE RECESSION,  
18 AS MR. STIGER MENTIONED, IT HAS GOTTEN HARDER AND HARDER FOR  
19 OUR BUSINESSES TO GET THE LOANS THEY NEED TO RELOCATE, TO  
20 EXPAND, TO ACQUIRE NEW MACHINERY, AND TO HIRE MORE EMPLOYEES.  
21 I PUT ON NUMEROUS SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE SAN  
22 GABRIEL VALLEY, AND ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I ALWAYS HEAR OUT  
23 OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IS THE DIFFICULTY TO ACCESS TO  
24 CAPITAL. BUT I WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
25 TO LOOK AT EXPANDING THE SECTORS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE LOAN

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1 PROGRAM. BUT PROVIDING CAPITAL ISN'T ENOUGH. I ALSO HOPE THE  
2 COUNTY CAN CREATE SOME TYPE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,  
3 HOPEFULLY THROUGH MR. STIGER'S DEPARTMENT, WHERE YOU CAN WORK  
4 ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE BUSINESS OWNERS WHO ARE RECEIVING -- WHO  
5 ARE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE LOAN PROGRAM TO MAKE SURE THAT  
6 THEY HAVE BUSINESS-APPROPRIATE PLANS TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND TO  
7 CONTINUE ONCE AFTER THE LOAN'S BEEN REPAYED. ACCORDING TO THE  
8 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, 2 OUT OF 3 JOBS CREATED  
9 ARE CREATED BY SMALL BUSINESSES. AND I'M REALLY EXCITED TO  
10 LEARN ABOUT THE SMALL BUSINESS WAIVER PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE  
11 COMING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN. NEXT WITNESS.

14

15 **JOSEPH DIEGUEZ:** THANK YOU, CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
16 JOSEPH DIEGUEZ. I'M A SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT WITH KOSMONT  
17 COMPANIES. LARRY KOSMONT WANTED TO BE HERE TODAY, BUT HE HAD A  
18 MEDICAL APPOINTMENT CONFLICT. SO AS PRACTITIONERS AND ADVISORS  
19 IN THE FIELD OF REAL ESTATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY,  
20 WE SEE BOTH INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITY  
21 REVITALIZATION AND INVESTMENT AUTHORITIES AS VITAL TOOLS FOR  
22 ADVANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY.  
23 THESE TOOLS, IN RELATED BUT DIFFERENT WAYS, FACILITATE THE  
24 GENERATION OF FISCAL REVENUES AND JOB CREATION THROUGH PUBLIC  
25 AND PRIVATE PROJECTS, INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE, AFFORDABLE

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1 HOUSING, TRANSIT PRIORITY PROJECTS, MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT,  
2 PROJECTS THAT IMPLEMENT A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, AND  
3 OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. AND AS MR. BARON SAID, THEY DO THIS  
4 THROUGH THE INFUSION OF PROPERTY TAX INCREMENTS, WHICH IS A  
5 TOOL THAT REALLY WENT AWAY TEMPORARILY WITH THE DISSOLUTION OF  
6 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN CALIFORNIA. NOW, UNLIKE  
7 REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, THE DEDICATION OF PROPERTY TAX  
8 INCREMENT NOW REQUIRES COLLABORATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
9 TAXING ENTITIES THAT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE PROPERTY TAX  
10 INCREMENTS, SUCH AS A COUNTY, L.A. COUNTY AND THE CITY, WITH  
11 SCHOOL DISTRICTS BEING EXCLUDED, WITH IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES  
12 BETWEEN THE E.I.F.D.S. AND C.R.A.S INVOLVING AREAS ELIGIBLE  
13 FOR APPLICATION, VOTER APPROVAL AND PROTESTS FOR FORMATION,  
14 VOTER APPROVAL FOR BOND ISSUANCE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
15 REQUIREMENTS AND REPLACEMENT HOUSING OBLIGATIONS, ABILITY TO  
16 LEVERAGE PROPERTY TAX AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AND OTHER  
17 DIFFERENCES. WE BELIEVE THAT EACH OF THESE DESERVES  
18 CONSIDERATION FOR TARGETED IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC  
19 DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND MOST EFFECTIVELY IN COLLABORATION  
20 WITH OTHER TAXING ENTITIES IN THE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST IN  
21 ORDER TO MAXIMIZE PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT DEDICATION AND PUBLIC  
22 INVESTMENT IN THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PROJECTS OF REGIONAL  
23 SIGNIFICANCE. WE WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SEE THE L.A. COUNTY  
24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, AND I THINK THAT OUR CLIENT  
25 CITIES WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO KNOW THE COUNTY IS OPEN TO BEING

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1 ENGAGED FOR PURPOSES OF PARTNERSHIP EARLY IN THE PROCESS OF  
2 DISTRICT DEFININITION AND PLANNING AND FORMATION. THANK YOU  
3 VERY MUCH.

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT I'D CALL UP  
6 EFRON MARTINEZ, SHERRY RUDNAK, AND MARTIN ESCUTIA. GO AHEAD,  
7 MA'AM.

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9 **SHERRY RUDNAK:** HELLO, MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SHERRY RUDNAK. I'M WITH B.A.E. URBAN  
11 ECONOMICS. WE ARE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LAND-USE ECONOMICS,  
12 AND REAL ESTATE ADVISORY CONSULTING FIRM. I AM HERE TO COMMEND  
13 YOU ON -- ONCE AGAIN COMMEND YOU ON ADOPTING THE ECONOMIC AND  
14 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM LAST OCTOBER. THAT WAS A GREAT  
15 STEP FORWARD. AND I'M VERY ENCOURAGED TO HEAR EVERYTHING THAT  
16 I'VE BEEN HEARING TODAY FROM YOU ALL ABOUT YOUR SUPPORT IN  
17 TAKING THE NEXT STEP FORWARD TO PROVIDE ANGELENOS WITH A  
18 RESILIENT ECONOMY AND BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER PAYING  
19 JOBS. AND PRIORITIZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE INITIATIVES.  
20 COMMENDATIONS TO STAFF FOR A GREAT REPORT, AS WELL. THIS IS AN  
21 IMPORTANT INITIATIVE THAT CAN ADDRESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
22 ANGELENOS, WHICH OF COURSE TRANSLATES DIRECTLY INTO INCOME AND  
23 IS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ISSUE. I THINK  
24 UNDERSTANDING THAT BUILDING MORE HOUSING IS IMPORTANT, BUT  
25 MUCH LIKE ADDING LANES ON A FREEWAY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE

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1 ABLE TO BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS THAT WE'VE COME INTO.  
2 AND SO ADDRESSING THE WAGE ISSUE, ADDRESSING HOUSEHOLD INCOMES  
3 IS A CRITICAL STEP IN ADDRESSING THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY  
4 CRISIS WE FIND OURSELVES IN. SO I'VE JUST COME TO SHOW MY  
5 CONTINUED SUPPORT AND EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
6 IN MOVING FORWARD AND CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THESE INITIATIVES  
7 THAT CAN BENEFIT BOTH THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND OUR RESIDENTS. AND  
8 I'M VERY EXCITED TO SEE MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS WORKING TOGETHER.  
9 I THINK THE COUNTY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE A MODEL IN THIS  
10 AREA. THANK YOU.

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12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, VERY MUCH.

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14 **MARTHA ESCUTIA:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIRWOMAN, MY NAME IS  
15 MARTHA ESCUTIA, AND I'M VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
16 AT U.S.C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS NEED TO BE  
17 MULTIDIMENSIONAL, AND THEY HAVE TO RECOGNIZE ANCHOR INDUSTRIES  
18 AS WELL AS EMERGING INDUSTRIES. AND IN THE AREAS OF BIOMED AS  
19 WELL AS ADVANCED MANUFACTURING, THERE IS A LOT OF RESEARCH  
20 COMING OUT OF OUR LABS AT U.S.C. BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
21 THAT RESEARCH AND ITS JOB-CREATION CAPACITY STAYS IN L.A.  
22 COUNTY. THE BIOMED REGIONAL ECONOMIC CLUSTER DOES HAVE A LOT  
23 OF JOB CREATION CAPACITY, SENATOR KUEHL. IN FACT, I THINK THAT  
24 THE STREAM OF COMMERCE IS VERY WIDE AND VERY DEEP. IT'S JUST A  
25 MATTER OF HOW THE COUNTY INCORPORATES THE PEOPLE BEST TRAINED

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1 TO DO THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING. AND I WOULD RESPECTFULLY  
2 SUGGEST THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES. I  
3 PERSONALLY HAVE MET WITH L.A. TRADE TECH AND WITH EAST L.A.  
4 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO IDENTIFY, HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY TRAINING  
5 NEEDS IN A BIOMED HUB? AND HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY THOSE WORKERS,  
6 SEND THEM TO CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, GET THE CERTIFICATE  
7 AND COME BACK TO THE BIOMED HUB WITH A JOB WAITING FOR THEM?  
8 THAT WOULD BE HOW I WOULD ENVISION THIS IN ITS BEST AND TRUEST  
9 CAPACITY. U.S.C. IS ALSO WORKING WITH ITS ACADEMIC PARTNERS  
10 LIKE CAL POLY POMONA, CAL STATE L.A. AND CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ  
11 HILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING PIPELINES AND TRYING TO  
12 DIVERSIFY THE DOCTORAL RANKS SO THAT THOSE HIGH-LEVEL  
13 ENGINEERS, IT DIVERSIFIES AND IT REFLECTS THE TRUE CALIFORNIA.  
14 FINALLY, WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS TRAINING  
15 CAPACITY, ESPECIALLY BY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES, IS FOLDED INTO  
16 THE ACTIVITIES OF A BIOMED HUB. AND ALSO THAT BIOMED HUB, IN  
17 MY OPINION, HAS GOT TO COMMIT TO DOING LOCAL HIRE BY  
18 IDENTIFYING GEOGRAPHIC BANDS. AND THAT BEFORE, IF THE  
19 GEOGRAPHIC BAND IS FIVE MILES, BEFORE THEY GO TO ANOTHER  
20 GEOGRAPHIC BAND, THEY MUST EXHAUST THE CLOSEST GEOGRAPHIC BAND  
21 TO THE SITE OF THE BIOMED HUB. SO IF YOU INCORPORATE THE  
22 TRAINING CAPACITY AND GEOGRAPHIC BANDS, I'M SURE YOU WILL GET  
23 THE LOCAL HIRE AND THE BENEFITS OF BIOMED TO STAY HERE IN THE  
24 HUB AND IN THE COUNTY. LASTLY, WITH YOUR INDULGENCE, MADAME  
25 CHAIR, BECAUSE I WOULD JUST LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST AN

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1    IDEA. AND THAT'S WITH REGARD TO HOW CAN WE FIND SOME  
2    ADDITIONAL MONEY? THE BIOMED LOAN FUND IS CRITICAL, OBVIOUSLY,  
3    TO FINANCE THE EARLY STAGE RESEARCH AS WELL AS PROOF OF  
4    CONCEPT RESEARCH. THAT'S VERY DIFFICULT MONEY TO GET ANYBODY  
5    TO INVEST, BECAUSE IT'S HIGH RISK. I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT  
6    PERHAPS WE LOOK TO OTHER STATES LIKE MASSACHUSETTS AND NORTH  
7    CAROLINA, WHICH BASICALLY USED STATE AND LOCAL PENSION FUNDS  
8    AS WELL THEIR TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF JUMP  
9    STARTING THEIR BIOMED ACTIVITIES AND TO GREAT RESULTS. TO  
10    GREAT RESULTS. THE PATEL REPORT IDENTIFIES, AS A MATTER OF  
11    FACT, ALL THE STATES IN THE COUNTRY, WHICH IS ABOUT 25 OF  
12    THEM, THAT HAVE USED PENSION FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF JUMP  
13    STARTING THEIR BIOMED ACTIVITY. SO, THAT'S ALL MY IDEAS THAT I  
14    HAVE FOR TODAY. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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16    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.

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18    **MARTHA ESCUTIA:** GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO.

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20    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** (OFF MIC COMMENT).

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22    **MARTHA ESCUTIA:** WELL, IN SOME OF THESE OTHER STATES --  
23    EXACTLY, EXACTLY. YOU KNOW, BUT THERE'S ALSO A LOT OF RESEARCH  
24    BEING DONE, YOU KNOW. HOW DO YOU STOP DEPENDENCY ON TOBACCO?  
25    AND PERHAPS THAT CAN BE FOLDED IN TO THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT



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1 FUNDS AND PERHAPS CAN BE USED FOR SOME TYPE OF RESEARCH IN  
2 BIOMED/BIOTECH LIFE SCIENCES. BUT THERE ARE STATES THAT ARE  
3 DOING THAT.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, A SHOUT OUT TO OUR FORMER  
6 COLLEAGUE, SENATOR MARTHA ESCUTIA, WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE  
7 ISSUE OF BIOMED AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES FOR A LITTLE BETTER THAN  
8 A DECADE NOW IN A VARIOUS ITERATION WITH SUNNE MCPEAK AND SO  
9 FORTH WHEN I FIRST ENGAGED HER ON THESE ISSUES. AND SHE  
10 CONTINUES TO DO THAT IN HER CURRENT ROLE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
11 SAYS IT'S BEEN LONGER THAN THAT. I CAN ONLY SPEAK ABOUT THE 10  
12 YEARS NOW. IF YOU WANT TO ADD A FEW MORE YEARS ON THAT, I'LL  
13 LEAVE THAT TO YOUR CONSPIRACY. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I WANTED  
14 TO SAY TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, NEXUS CAN BE APPROPRIATELY  
15 CREATED. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I BOTH KNOW THAT L.A. BIOMED HAS  
16 DONE GROUNDBREAKING WORK OF A PEDIATRIC NATURE THAT HAS DONE  
17 SUCH REMARKABLE STUDIES AND DISCOVERIES IN THE AREA OF BIRTH  
18 DEFECTS OWING TO A RANGE OF ISSUES RIGHT THERE AT HARBOR-  
19 U.C.L.A. THEY'VE BEEN DOING THIS WORK FOR THE PAST 60 YEARS.  
20 SO, FRANKLY, WHAT WE ARE ESSENTIALLY TRYING TO DO HERE IS  
21 CAUSE OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY TO CATCH UP WITH L.A. BIOMED  
22 AND ITS VALUE-ADDED IN A VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT WAY THEY WORK  
23 THEY'VE DONE IN TERMS OF SICKLE CELL, THE WORK THAT THEY'VE  
24 DONE IN TERMS OF ISSUES THAT ARE VISION-RELATED, THE WORK THAT  
25 THEY'VE DONE IN TERMS OF LUNG, THAT IS PULMONARY WORK, IS JUST

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1 SIMPLY REMARKABLE. AND SO, MR. ANTONOVICH, I THINK NEXUS CAN  
2 APPROPRIATELY BE CREATED IF WE WERE TO BE DESIROUS OF DOING  
3 SO. I THINK NEED TO TAKE THE LID OFF AND SEE IF IN FACT WE  
4 CAN'T FIND WAYS TO DO REMARKABLE, REMARKABLE THINGS.

5

6 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE STILL HAVE SOME OTHER  
7 WITNESSES THAT I NEED TO CALL: WAYNE FROM ENCINO, ARNOLD  
8 SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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10 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, THAT'S GOOD. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE LID  
11 OFF OF IT, YEAH. WELL, YOU HAVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE ONE  
12 THING YOU HAVE TO HAVE IS A PROPER TAX BASE. ONE OF THE THINGS  
13 THAT KILLED THE RAMS AND RAIDERS FROM MOVING TO THE CITY OF  
14 LOS ANGELES -- AND I WAS THERE WHEN IT HAPPENED -- WAS THEY  
15 WERE GETTING READY TO BUILD THE STADIUM AND THEN SOMEBODY  
16 MENTIONED A SEAT LICENSE TAX OF 10 PERCENT ON ALL GAMES THAT  
17 TAX IS GOING PER SEAT PER GAME. AND THAT WAS THE DAY THAT THE  
18 N.F.L. STARTED LOOKING FOR ANOTHER PLACE OTHER THAN THE CITY  
19 OF LOS ANGELES. WE'RE TAXED TO DEATH IN THIS COUNTY,  
20 ABSOLUTELY ROBBED AND TAXED TO DEATH IN THIS COUNTY. THAT'S  
21 WHAT HAS TO BE PUT UNDER CONTROL. NOW, YOU LOOK UP AND  
22 IRONICALLY, IN SACRAMENTO, THE CALIFORNIA BAR ACTUALLY  
23 BALANCED ITS BUDGET AND CUT IT TO GET RID OF CRAP LIKE TRAVEL  
24 CATERING AND TEMPORARY HEALTH. AND THEN THEY'RE GOING TO  
25 RESTORE SPACE AND LEASE OUT SPACE TO PAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS

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1 IN FIVE YEARS AT NO COST TO THE TAXPAYERS. NOW THAT'S WHAT WE  
2 NEED, SMALLER GOVERNMENT, MORE OPPORTUNITY. THE PROBLEM IS IS  
3 WE HAVE TOO MUCH OF THIS GOVERNMENT OVERLAPPING ALL THE OTHER  
4 GOVERNMENTS CHASING THE JOBS WAY. THE WEATHER'S GREAT HERE.  
5 THE CLIMATE IS GREAT HERE. WE HAVE PORTS. WE HAVE AIRPORTS. WE  
6 HAVE EVERYTHING. THE PROBLEM IS IS WE HAVE AN OUT-OF-CONTROL,  
7 TAX-HUNGRY, POLITICAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT ROBS US OF THE JOBS  
8 WE SHOULD BE CREATING. THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH YOUR PLAN. MAKE  
9 AN ENVIRONMENT THAT'S JOB-FRIENDLY TO COME HERE.

10

11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS?

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13 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
14 AND OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE, AS MR. SPINDLER SAID, REMOVED THE LID  
15 ON THIS AND ARE GOING TO BE ROLLING AGGRESSIVELY INTO SOME  
16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AND OF COURSE WE'VE HEARD A LITTLE ABOUT  
17 THIS. AND I THINK THAT THE BOARD IS SITTING FORWARD AND I'M  
18 ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THAT. IT'S GOOD TO SEE MR. ROGAN HERE, AS  
19 WELL, TIRELESSLY DUKING IT OUT FOR THE REGULAR FOLKS. THE  
20 QUESTION THAT WAS RAISED BY THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE THIRD  
21 DISTRICT ABOUT THE OUTCOMES OF THESE JOBS THAT ARE ADDED I  
22 THINK IS A GOOD ONE. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE C.D.C. GUY DID  
23 RESPOND THAT WE DO REGULARLY KEEP TRACK OF THAT. AND SO I WILL  
24 NIBBLE AND ASK TO GET A LOOK AT THAT THROUGH THE PUBLIC RECORD  
25 ACT WHAT EXAMPLES OF THAT WE'VE ROLLED OUT PROGRAMS AND ARE

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1 TRACKING THAT THEY'RE IN FACT ADDING JOBS. I'LL HAVE A LOOK  
2 JUST IN THE INTEREST OF CHECKING THAT OUT. IN TERMS OF THE  
3 ACTION AND URGENCY THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD LIKE TO  
4 BRING TO THIS OR OTHERS, I THINK IT'S REALLY -- I THINK IT'S  
5 GREAT. I THINK THAT WHEN WE CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
6 THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE THE THEM NECESSARILY, AND I THINK THAT  
7 THE PROGRAMS THAT START IN COLLEGE AND PROVIDE PAID  
8 INTERNSHIPS IS A GREAT METRIC TO TRACK. I THINK PAID  
9 INTERNSHIPS ARE A VERY, VERY GOOD IDEA. AND WHEN THOSE CAN  
10 RESULT IN GOOD JOBS FOLLOWING, THAT'S EVEN BETTER. AND  
11 OBVIOUSLY IT'S GREAT TO SEE THAT THE VARIOUS COUNTY  
12 DEPARTMENTS ARE CHIPPING IN AND PARTICIPATING. I'D LIKE TO SEE  
13 HOW THAT WORKS, BECAUSE THERE ARE LARGER COMPANIES, LIKE  
14 BOSTON SCIENTIFIC THAT WAS CITED, WHO HAVE BEEN LONG-TIME  
15 PROVIDERS. THEY RUN A VERY BIG OPERATION OUT OF VALENCIA AND  
16 HAVE DONE A VERY, VERY GOOD JOB. BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
17 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND I DON'T KNOW IF THEY ARE PLANNING  
18 TO PARTICIPATE OR SHOULD BE INCENTIVIZED, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A  
19 LONG TRACK RECORD AND ARE ADDING JOBS ALL OVER THE WORLD. BUT  
20 THE QUESTION IS, WHAT ABOUT HERE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I DON'T  
21 KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. AND FINALLY, THE QUESTION ABOUT WHAT  
22 IS BIOSCIENCE I THINK DOES NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. THANKS.

23

24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT WITNESS. ARNOLD  
25 SACHS?

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2   **ARNOLD SACHS:** MY TIME STARTED. CAN YOU START MY TIME OVER  
3   AGAIN? THANK YOU, YES, WONDERFUL PRESENTATION, I'M TELLING  
4   YOU. I'M CONCERNED. YOU TALKED ABOUT THE C.D.C. IS ECONOMIC  
5   COMMITMENT. YET IN TODAY'S AGENDA, YOU MENTIONED THAT THE  
6   C.D.C. HAS CHANGED ITS POLICY REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.  
7   AND PEOPLE WILL TELL YOU IN THE ECONOMIC WORLD OR THE BUSINESS  
8   WORLD, THE NEXT MOST IMPORTANT THING TO HAVING GOOD WORKERS IS  
9   HAVING WORKERS THAT LIVE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO, HOW WILL  
10   THAT WORK OUT? WELL, YOU'RE ADDRESSING THAT WITH THE MINIMUM  
11   WAGE INCREASE TO \$15 AN HOUR. AND THIS DISCUSSION ABOUT  
12   BIOSCIENCE AND THE LIKE, THOSE DON'T REALLY SOUND LIKE SMALL  
13   BUSINESSES FOR SURE, LIKE MOM-AND-POP TYPE BUSINESSES. YOU HAD  
14   AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY. ITEM 30 WAS REFERRING TO FIRE  
15   EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. AND I BELIEVE A FEW YEARS AGO  
16   YOU HAD SOME PEOPLE COME IN, AND THIS IS -- YOU HAD LIKE FOUR  
17   OR FIVE --

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19   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. SIR, SIR, YOU'RE  
20   OFF TOPIC.

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22   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS DEALING  
23   WITH SMALL BUSINESSES.

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1   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** ITEM 30 IS NOT THE ITEM THAT WE'RE  
2   DISCUSSING RIGHT NOW.

3

4   **ARNOLD SACHS:** SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WERE HERE THAT LOST  
5   CONTRACTS BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT COMPETE. BUT THEY HAD THE  
6   CONTRACT. I AM ON THE AGENDA. I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO ARGUE  
7   WITH YOU. TAKE ANOTHER PILL, PLEASE. THERE WAS A TALK ABOUT  
8   ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT --

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10   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER, SIR. PLEASE REFRAIN  
11   FROM TALKING ABOUT PERSONAL --

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13   **ARNOLD SACHS:** SHE IS ATTACKING ME, MA'AM.

14

15   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ATTACKING HER BACK, SO YOU'RE NOT  
16   HELPING. YOU'RE NOT HELPING. STAY ON THE SUBJECT. STAY ON THE  
17   SUBJECT.

18

19   **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WOULD LIKE TO STAY ON THE SUBJECT, MA'AM. MY  
20   TIME IS RUNNING. I AM TALKING ABOUT ITEMS YOU BRING UP.  
21   ECONOMIC ZONES. NEW HIRES.

22

23   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE MAKING DISPARAGING STATEMENTS ABOUT  
24   OUR COUNTY COUNSEL.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** MA'AM, YOU KNOW? YOU NEED TO TAKE TWO PILLS,  
2   TOO.

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4   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. DOCTOR CLAVREUL?

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6   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
7   CLAVREUL. I THINK IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO CIVILITY. THAT'S  
8   VERY NEEDED HER. ANYWAY, I LIKED WHAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
9   CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAD TO SAY, YOU KNOW. WE WERE TALKING  
10   ABOUT SCIENCE, BIOTECH DEVELOPMENT FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND  
11   NOTHING HAS HAPPENED. I AM VERY FRUSTRATED, BECAUSE MYSELF I  
12   HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN BRINGING SCIENTISTS TO DIFFERENT  
13   PLACES. I WAS A CONSULTANT WHO STARTED THE FIRST HOSPITAL ON  
14   H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. I WAS A PERSON WHO  
15   MOVED DR. GALLO FROM THE N.I.H. TO CREATE A HUGE CENTER IN  
16   BALTIMORE. AND THE REASON IT WAS CREATED IN BALTIMORE IS  
17   BECAUSE WE COULD NOT GET LOS ANGELES TO RESPOND. RIGHT NOW, I  
18   HAVE TWO TOP WORLD SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COME  
19   BACK TO LOS ANGELES, AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND PEOPLE  
20   TO RESPOND. I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES I AM SEEING HERE WHICH I  
21   HAVE NOT SEEN IN OTHER PLACES, WE HAD PEOPLE WHERE EGO WERE  
22   NOT INVESTED IN CREATING THE PROJECT. TO CREATE THAT KIND OF  
23   PROJECT WHERE YOU HAVE SCIENTISTS WHO ARE HIGHLY CREATIVE AND  
24   SOMETIMES VERY BIZARRE, THEY NEED TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO CAN  
25   COMMUNICATE WITH THEM AND BE THERE WHEN THEY NEED. AND WE HAVE



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1 NOT HAD THAT. I MUST SAY, MANY YEARS AGO, I CONTACTED  
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS WHEN SHE WAS IN WASHINGTON, AND I WAS ABLE TO  
3 ESTABLISH A MEETING WITH KEY PEOPLE WITHIN A FEW HOURS. THAT'S  
4 THE KIND OF RESPONSE WE NEED HERE. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO  
5 RECEIVE PHONE BACK TO INTRODUCE TOP SCIENTISTS WHO WANT TO  
6 MOVE HERE. LIKE I SAID, I DID NOT KNOW SUPERVISOR SOLIS WELL,  
7 BUT I MADE ONE PHONE CALL AND AS I SAID, I HAVE KEY SCIENTISTS  
8 WHO WANT TO SPEAK WITH YOU. SHE WAS THERE. WE NEED TO DO THE  
9 SAME THING. THANKS.

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11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES  
12 DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE  
13 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD. THERE WERE A LOT OF GOOD  
14 DISCUSSIONS. I WANT TO THANK OUR STAFFS, OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS,  
15 OUR NEWEST ADDITIONS TO THIS MOVEMENT, AND ALSO TO ALL THOSE  
16 THAT CAME FORWARD TODAY TO ENLIGHTEN THE BOARD AND HELP US  
17 MOVE THIS TREMENDOUS INITIATIVE FORWARD. SO, I'D LIKE TO THANK  
18 YOU FOR THAT. THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING TO  
23 MOVE ON NOW TO ADJOURNMENTS AND SPECIAL ITEMS, AND WE'LL START  
24 WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL ALSO HAS A MOTION FOR  
2    ADJOURNMENT FOR JUDGE SHELLY SLOAN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
3    FEBRUARY 26TH. BUT SHELLY WAS A LONGTIME FRIEND, SUPPORTER  
4    GOING BACK TO THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION WHO SUDDENLY PASSED  
5    AWAY. AS WAS STATED YESTERDAY AT THE MEMORIAL, I THINK IT WAS  
6    ON FEBRUARY 1ST THE DOCTOR TOLD HIM HE HAD SIX MONTHS TO LIVE,  
7    AND THEN HE DIED APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS LATER WITH HIS  
8    FAMILY. BUT HE HAD STARTED AS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA BOARD  
9    OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHEN HE WAS  
10   APPOINTED BY, AT THAT TIME, GOVERNOR REAGAN IN 1970 AND THEN  
11   SERVED ON THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL COURT IN 1973 AND LATER  
12   CHAIRED GOVERNOR WILSON'S COMMITTEE ON THE SELECTION OF  
13   FEDERAL JUDGES, AND HE STILL STAYED INVOLVED WITH THE FEDERAL  
14   JUDGE SELECTION PROCESS. A MEMBER OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR  
15   ASSOCIATION, MEMORIAL COLISEUM COMMISSION, WHERE WE SERVED  
16   WITH HIM. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE  
17   AND I SERVED WITH SHELLY. BUT SHELLY HAD, AFTER AN ACCIDENT,  
18   HAD A TWITCH IN HIS NECK, VERY SEVERE. AND IT WAS MY WIFE ONE  
19   DAY, SHE SAID, "WE GOT TO HELP HIM." SO WE TOOK HIM TO A  
20   CHINESE DOCTOR, AND THEY DID A LITTLE ACUPUNCTURE AND QIGONG  
21   AND HE WOULD GO WEEKLY FOR HIS TREATMENTS AND THAT'S WHY HE NO  
22   LONGER HAD THAT TWITCH THAT WAS SO PROFOUND. BUT HE LOVED OUR  
23   FAMILY. AND IT WAS A BIG SHOCK THAT ONE DAY HE'S HERE, ONE DAY  
24   HE'S EMAILING, AND NOW HE'S PASSED ON. BUT HE WAS A WONDERFUL  
25   PERSON. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND. AND HIS CHILDREN, HIS

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1 STEPCHILDREN, THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER, THEY'RE ALL -- HE WAS A  
2 FAMILY MAN, AND HE DIED WITH HIS FAMILY. AND HE SAID HE WAS  
3 READY TO GO, AND HE PASSED, SO.

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5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTED TO ADD?

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7 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SHELLY SLOAN AND I WERE FRIENDS ALL THE WAY  
8 BACK TO I THINK MY FIRST RUN FOR THE ASSEMBLY. AND WHEN I  
9 FIRST STARTED TO RUN, I THOUGHT WELL THERE CAN'T REALLY BE ANY  
10 REPUBLICANS THAT WOULD SUPPORT ME. I HAVE THIS REPUTATION FOR  
11 BEING SUCH A WILD-EYED RADICAL, FEMINIST, WHATEVER. AND SHELLY  
12 SAW RIGHT THROUGH THAT AND THOUGHT THAT THE CONVERSATION THAT  
13 WE HAD REALLY CONVINCED HIM THAT I WOULD BE A REAL ADVOCATE  
14 FOR THE AREAS THAT HE CARED ABOUT. WE SERVED ON A NUMBER OF  
15 BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES TOGETHER. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.  
16 HE WAS ALSO ON THE BOARD OF THE L.A. JEWISH HOME FOR THE AGING  
17 AND THE FRATERNITY OF FRIENDS AT THE MUSIC CENTER. I MEAN  
18 REALLY WIDE-RANGING INTERESTS, BUT MOST OF ALL A REALLY FINE  
19 ATTORNEY, A FAIR-MINDED MAN. AND HIS WIFE AND KIDS REALLY  
20 DESERVE OUR SYMPATHY, AND HE WILL BE MISSED. THANK YOU, MIKE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE  
23 COUNTY FAMILY WAS THE DEATH OF BRIAN LEWANDOWSKI, WHO WAS THE  
24 SON OF OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S HOMICIDE LIEUTENANT. HE AND  
25 HIS FRIEND MICHELLE LITTLEFIELD WERE TRAGICALLY KILLED IN THE

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1 I-5 FREEWAY ACCIDENT IN COMMERCE ON FEBRUARY 27TH. HE WAS A  
2 STUDENT AT COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS. HE WORKED AT SIX FLAGS  
3 MAGIC MOUNTAIN, AS MICHELLE LITTLEFIELD WHO WAS WITH HIM. SHE  
4 WAS A STUDENT ALSO AT THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS AND EMPLOYED  
5 AT SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS,  
6 WILLIAM AND GIGI, AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS AND TWO  
7 BROTHERS. BUT THAT ACCIDENT WAS A RESULT OF TWO PEOPLE RACING  
8 ON THE FREEWAY WHO HIT A U.P.S. TRUCK, WHICH CAUSED THAT TRUCK  
9 TO GO OVER THE CENTER DIVIDER AND CHOP OFF THE TOPS OF THE  
10 OTHER CARS. I BELIEVE THEY WERE IN A S.U.V., AND THEN IT  
11 EXPLODED. AND ONE PERSON HAS GOTTEN AWAY AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE  
12 GOING TO COAUTHOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION FOR A REWARD WHEN  
13 SHE BRINGS IT UP. BUT THE STUPIDITY OF PEOPLE DRIVING ON THE  
14 FREEWAY. AND BECAUSE YOU'RE DRIVING IN ONE DIRECTION,  
15 SOMETHING HAPPENS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FREEWAY DOESN'T  
16 MEAN IT CAN'T ALSO IMPACT YOU. SO YOU JUST HAVE TO BE ALERT  
17 WHEN YOU DRIVE. AND THEN ALFRED MANN, THE ENTREPRENEUR WHO  
18 FOUNDED 17 COMPANIES IN AEROSPACE AND BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY  
19 INDUSTRIES, PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 25TH. FOUNDER OF THE  
20 ALFRED MANN FOUNDATION WITH THE AIM OF ADVANCING SCIENTIFIC  
21 RESEARCH AND FINDING BIONIC SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING  
22 FROM MEDICAL IMPAIRMENTS. HE ESTABLISHED THE INSTITUTE FOR  
23 BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
24 CALIFORNIA. AND HIS WIFE, CLAUDE, AND SEVEN CHILDREN SURVIVE  
25 HIM. BUT HE WAS ALSO, WHEN HE RELOCATED TO THE SANTA CLARITA

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1 VALLEY, HE TOOK THE LEADERSHIP POSITION, AND WHEN HE WAS  
2 RETIRING, WE WERE GOING TO PLAN TO BRING HIM DOWN TO RECOGNIZE  
3 HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THEN THE NEXT DAY, I BELIEVE,  
4 HE DIED. SO WE ENDED UP WITH A MEMORIAL FOR HIM. SHAWNA LYNN  
5 JONES, OUR JAIL INMATE OF THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHO  
6 PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 26TH. SHE'S FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE  
7 WAS ONE OF 3,500 INMATE FIREFIGHTERS WHO DID CONTAINMENT LINES  
8 AROUND FIRES AND HOT SPOTS DURING CLEANUP. SHE JOINED THE  
9 FIRE-FIGHTING PROGRAM IN AUGUST OF 2015, AND SHE WAS  
10 TRAGICALLY KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN SHE WAS HIT ON THE HEAD  
11 BY A BOULDER. JUDY MILLER SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT AND  
12 DIRECTOR OF THE CONRAD HILTON HUMANITARIAN PRIZE FOR 18 YEARS.  
13 SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN EXECUTIVE TO WORK IN A MAJOR JAPANESE  
14 CORPORATION AND THE FIRST WOMAN TO WORK WITH THE KINGDOM OF  
15 SAUDI ARABIA AND SHE WAS ALSO SERVED EIGHT YEARS AS A LOS  
16 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONER. SHE IS  
17 SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER RICHARD AND HER THREE DAUGHTERS.  
18 CHARLAMAIN ROSALEE POSTON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA  
19 CLARITA, HAD A 30-YEAR TEACHING CAREER AT VERDUGO HILLS HIGH  
20 SCHOOL IN SUNLAND/TUJUNGA. SHE COLLECTED SIGNATURES FOR THE  
21 NAMING OF LOST CANYON ROAD AND WAS THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PET  
22 ASSISTANCE OF SANTA CLARITA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN.  
23 JOHN WHITAKER, FOUNDING FACULTY MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
24 SANTA MONICA'S COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM, WORKED FOR 23  
25 YEARS AS A LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST IN PALMDALE.

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1 HE WAS CLINICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE CHILDREN'S BUREAU IN THE  
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY, SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF YES.2.KIDS,  
3 PARTNERSHIPS FOR FAMILIES, WELCOME BABY, AND FIFTH DISTRICT  
4 POLICY ROUND TABLE FOR CHILDCARE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
5 WIFE AND THEIR SON. GEORGE TRUETT HOLLIS, PROFESSOR, FORMERLY  
6 AT CONVERSE COLLEGE AND EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE AND LOS  
7 ANGELES CITY COLLEGE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE SERVED  
8 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND STUDIED MUSIC AT YALE AND U.S.C.  
9 ELEANOR JULIA HARRINGTON, ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE ASSISTANCE  
10 LEAGUE OF LOS ANGELES, ST. ANNE'S HOME, THE MISSION DOCTORS  
11 ASSOCIATION, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ART MUSEUM. MARY  
12 OLSON, RETIRED SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
13 DEPARTMENT. SHE HAD RETIRED IN 2004. AND ASHLEY GUINDON OF  
14 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS FATALLY SHOT  
15 ON HER FIRST DAY OF ACTIVE DUTY IN VIRGINIA. SHE WAS SWORN  
16 INTO THE DEPARTMENT ON FEBRUARY 26TH. SHE EARNED HER MASTER'S  
17 DEGREE IN FORENSIC SCIENCE AND ONCE SERVED AS AN INTERN FOR  
18 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE UNITED  
19 STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE. AND GARY CLAYPOOL, ACTIVE ON-DUTY  
20 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 21ST. HE HAD BEEN  
21 ON THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 1991. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. AND  
22 THEN --

23  
24 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE -- EARLIER YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE  
2    ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO HAVE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY, THE  
3    GREEN, AND STUFF LIKE THIS. BUT THIS CAME TO MY ATTENTION. IF  
4    WE COULD HAVE A REPORT BACK. A GENTLEMAN THAT INSTALLED SOLAR  
5    PANELS ON HIS ROOF, AND AFTER A TIME, HE HAD TO REPLACE HIS  
6    ROOF. SO HE HAD THE ROOF REPLACED. AND THEN HE FOUND OUT THAT  
7    THE PUBLIC WORKS WAS GOING TO THEN MAKE HIM HAVE A NEW  
8    APPLICATION TO REINSTALL THE SOLAR PANELS, WHICH MEANS HE HAD  
9    TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS ALL OVER AGAIN. AND IT SEEMS TO ME  
10   THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS, WHEN A HOME HAS SOLAR AND THEY HAVE TO  
11   REPLACE THE ROOF, THAT AT ONE TIME THEY CAN GIVE THE SAME  
12   PERMIT, WHATEVER IT IS, SO IT CAN BE DONE AT ONE TIME. HE  
13   DOESN'T HAVE TO MAKE TWO TRIPS OR THREE TRIPS TO GET THE DAMN  
14   THING DONE. SO I HAVE A REPORT BACK HOW THE DEPARTMENT CAN  
15   COORDINATE THEIR ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR ROOFS WHEN THERE ARE  
16   SOLAR PANELS ON AN EXISTING ROOF. SO, IF WE COULD HAVE A  
17   REPORT BACK.

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19   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD.  
20   THANK YOU. I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT.

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22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH, WAIT, I HAVE TWO MORE, I'M SORRY.  
23   MICHELLE LITTLEFIELD I MENTIONED, BUT ANOTHER FRIEND WHO  
24   SOMETIMES HAD MENTIONED MY FAMILY ON HIS RADIO PROGRAM, AND  
25   THAT WAS CHARLIE TUNA. I FIRST MET -- HIS NAME WAS ART



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1 FERGUSON. CHARLIE TUNA RESIDED IN RESEDA, AND I USED TO  
2 REPRESENT THAT PART OF THE AREA. BUT HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN  
3 THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERED, AND HIS FAMILY, WONDERFUL MAN. BUT  
4 HE PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 19TH AT THE AGE OF 71. MANY OF US  
5 REMEMBER HIM ON K.R.L.A. OR K.O.D.J., K.L.A.C., K.B.I.G. AND  
6 K.R.T.H. BUT HE ALSO WAS ON THE ARMED SERVICES RADIO CHANNEL.  
7 BUT HE WAS A VERY WONDERFUL INDIVIDUAL WHO TOOK TIME FROM HIS  
8 PROFESSIONAL CAREER TO HELP WITH HIS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
9 AND HIS COMMUNITY. HIS VOICE WAS RECORDED IN MANY FILMS AND  
10 COMMERCIALS, BUT HE'S JUST A NICE MAN, AND SO ADJOURN IN HIS  
11 MEMORY, AS WELL.

12

13 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S JUST GREAT, BECAUSE EVERYONE  
16 IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S FRIENDS, BUT ALL OF THE PEOPLE HE  
17 ADJOURNS IN MEMORY OF LIVE IN MY DISTRICT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS MY DISTRICT AT ONE TIME!

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21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** CHARLIE TUNA, THEY'RE ALL THIRD DISTRICT  
22 RESIDENTS, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR THIRD DISTRICT  
23 RESIDENTS. LET ME SAY A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT CHARLIE TUNA,  
24 BECAUSE HIS NAME THEN, OF COURSE, IN THE OLD DAYS WAS HIS REAL  
25 NAME, ART FERGUSON, AND AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID, HE

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1 BECAME FAMOUS THROUGH HIS RADIO WORK. HE HAS A STAR ON THE  
2 HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME, ALSO IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND IN  
3 1997, HE WAS VOTED ONE OF THE TOP 10 RADIO -- L.A. RADIO  
4 PERSONALITIES OF ALL TIME. BUT THE THING I THINK WE ALSO WANT  
5 TO MENTION, HE RAISED 2-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CHILDREN'S  
6 HOSPITAL WITH HIS ANNUAL TUNATHON, HE CALLED IT, AND ALSO  
7 EMCEED THE REVLON RUN/WALK FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE WAS THE  
8 HONORARY MAYOR OF TARZANA SINCE 1977. ONE OF THE BEST THINGS  
9 TO BE IS THE HONORARY MAYOR OF ANY CITY, BECAUSE YOU DON'T DO  
10 ANY WORK. YOU JUST SHOW UP AND GET, YOU KNOW, FLOWERS AND  
11 THINGS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JUDITH. DID YOU SAY THAT,  
12 MIKE? I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR. GOOD. AND HIS DAUGHTER JACKIE  
13 AND STEPSON BRAD. THANK YOU.

14

15 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DID YOU HAVE  
16 ANOTHER?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, I HAVE A MOTION WHICH IS CO-AUTHORED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS THAT WE ARE INTRODUCING FOR NEXT WEEK'S  
20 AGENDA TO EXTEND THE CURRENT END DATE OF MARCH 15TH TO MARCH  
21 31ST FOR LANCASTER, BELL, AND POMONA TO ALLOW THESE SHELTERS  
22 TO STAY OPEN UNTIL MARCH 31ST, CONSISTENT WITH THE REMAINING  
23 SHELTERS AROUND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT, THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION. THAT  
2    WILL BE BROUGHT BACK. OKAY. I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT I'D LIKE TO  
3    ANNOUNCE. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN  
4    MEMORY OF SOCORRO SARAVIA VALLE DE AYALA. MS. SOCORO SARAVIA  
5    VALLE DE AYALA, KNOWN AS COCO, WAS BORN ON JUNE 10, 1931 IN  
6    NICARAGUA, PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 11, 2016 AT THE AGE OF 84.  
7    AT THE AGE OF 17, MISS AYALA BECAME A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT  
8    AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. 1959, SHE MARRIED LUIS AYALA AND  
9    RELOCATED TO THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK IN 1964. MS. AYALA  
10    WORKED AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. SHE  
11    WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER FAITH, HER OUTSTANDING COOKING, HER  
12    UNWAVERING POSITIVE ATTITUDE, AND HER WILLINGNESS TO ALWAYS  
13    HELP THOSE IN NEED. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, JACKIE,  
14    JOSEPH, JOANN, AND JEAN MARIE, HER FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, EIGHT  
15    GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A  
16    HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.  
17    AND I ALSO HAVE A READ-IN MOTION, MEMBERS. AND I'D LIKE TO  
18    MENTION THIS MOTION THAT IS BEING CO-AUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR  
19    ANTONOVICH. ON FEBRUARY 28, 2016, BRIAN LEWANDOWSKI, MISS  
20    MICHELLE LITTLEFIELD, AND MR. RICHARD TREADWAY WERE TRAVELING  
21    IN VEHICLES ALONG THE SANTA ANA FREEWAY BETWEEN ATLANTIC  
22    BOULEVARD AND WASHINGTON BOULEVARD WHEN A SUSPECT VEHICLE WHO  
23    WAS RACING AND TRAVELING AT A HIGH SPEED OF RATE CAUSED A  
24    MULTI-VEHICLE COLLISION. THE COLLISION RESULTED IN THREE  
25    DEATHS, THREE VICTIMS BEING CRITICALLY INJURED, AND TWO

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1 VICTIMS HAVING MINOR INJURIES. ONE OF THE DECEASED VICTIMS,  
2 BRIAN LEWANDOWSKI, IS A SON OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
3 DEPARTMENT HOMICIDE BUREAU LIEUTENANT VICTOR LEWANDOWSKI.  
4 TODAY CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND EAST LOS ANGELES OFFICE,  
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HOMICIDE DETECTIVE  
6 ASSIGNED TO THE CASE HAVE IDENTIFIED AND ARRESTED THE DRIVER  
7 OF ONE OF THE VEHICLES ENGAGED IN THE HIGH SPEED CONTEST  
8 CAUSING THE COLLISION. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY  
9 VIABLE CLUES REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF THE SECOND VEHICLE,  
10 WHICH FLED THE SCENE OF THE CRIME. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE A  
11 REWARD WOULD HELP, BE APPROPRIATE IN THIS CASE. AND I HOPE  
12 THAT BY OFFERING A REWARD, WITNESSES WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION  
13 AND WILL BE MOTIVATED TO COME FORWARD TO HELP APPREHEND AND  
14 CONVICT THE SUSPECTS IN THIS HEINOUS CRIME. SO, THEREFORE, I  
15 MOVE TODAY THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFER A REWARD IN THE  
16 AMOUNT OF \$10,000 IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE  
17 APPREHENSION AND/OR CONVICTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
18 MURDERS OF BRIAN LEWANDOWSKI, MICHELLE LITTLEFIELD, AND  
19 RICHARD TREADWAY, WHO TRAGICALLY LOST THEIR LIVES ON FEBRUARY  
20 29, THIS YEAR, 2016. MOVED BY -- I WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. NO OBJECTIONS. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.  
22 OKAY, NEXT WE HAVE UP SECOND DISTRICT, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
23  
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WOULD  
25 YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF GLADYS LOUISE

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1 MANIGAULT, WHO WAS BORN 1973 IN CINCINNATI AND SHE PASSED ON  
2 FEBRUARY 20TH HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT THE AGE OF 43. MEMBER OF  
3 CHOIR AND PRAISE DANCE STREET TEAM AT THE WELLER STREET  
4 BAPTIST CHURCH PASTORED BY REVEREND K.W TULLOS AND WORKED WITH  
5 CHILDREN AS A PART OF THE LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS NATIONAL  
6 BASKETBALL ACADEMY AND THE YOUTH CAMP. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED  
7 AS A BELOVED MOTHER, DAUGHTER AND SISTER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
8 HER MOTHER, THERESA, CHILDREN, JALEN AND JAWALYN, AND BROTHER,  
9 LESTER, AND HER SISTER, THE REV. OMAROSA, AND ALL OF WHOM WILL  
10 MISS HER DEARLY. THEN I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
11 MEMORY OF DR. MOSES ALFRED HAYNES, BORN NOVEMBER 17, 1921 AND  
12 HE PASSED ON FEBRUARY 8TH OF THIS YEAR AT THE AGE OF 94. HE  
13 DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE UNDERSERVED.  
14 HE WAS A MEDICAL OFFICER IN THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND  
15 THE CHEYENNE RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION AND BECAME ONE OF THE  
16 FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE JOHNS HOPKINS  
17 UNIVERSITY. HE HELPED TO ESTABLISH RACIAL INTEGRATION POLICIES  
18 FOR THAT UNIVERSITY. HE WAS HONORED WITH A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP  
19 AT JOHNS HOPKINS SOCIETY OF SCHOLARS IN 1965. HE ESTABLISHED  
20 THE CHARLES DREW POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, WHICH INCREASED  
21 TRAINING FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN WATTS AND SOUTH LOS  
22 ANGELES GENERALLY. HE WAS THE FIRST DEPARTMENT CHAIR APPOINTED  
23 AS THE CHIEF OF COMMUNITY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE. WHILE --  
24 AFTER RETURNING TO JOHNS HOPKINS, HE CREATED A PROGRAM FOR  
25 TEACHERS OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE

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1 HEALTH PLANNING PROGRAM WHICH WAS USED BY INTERNATIONAL  
2 STUDENTS TO ENHANCE HEALTHCARE AROUND THE WORLD. HE PUBLISHED  
3 SEVERAL STUDIES REGARDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
4 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE HUNGER U.S.A.  
5 STUDY. HIS RESEARCH INTO RACIAL HEALTH DISPARITIES LED TO THE  
6 CREATION OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, WHOSE  
7 MISSION WAS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF INNER CITY RESIDENTS. AND  
8 HE WAS THE FOUNDATION'S FIRST DIRECTOR. DR. HAYNES BECAME THE  
9 FOUNDING DIRECTOR FOR THE DREW/MEHARRY/MOREHOUSE CONSORTIUM  
10 FOCUSING ON CANCER RESEARCH AND PREVENTION. HE SERVED ON A  
11 NUMBER OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEES FOR VARIOUS  
12 AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS,  
13 THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EDUCATION, AND THE  
14 EPIDEMIOLOGY, BIOSTATISTICS, AND BIOENGINEERING CLUSTER OF THE  
15 PRESIDENT'S PANEL OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH, JUST TO NAME A FEW  
16 OF DR. HAYNES' EARLY INTERVENTIONS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A  
17 LEADER AND EDUCATOR, A PHYSICIAN, EPIDEMIOLOGIST AND AUTHOR.  
18 HE WAS DEDICATED TO REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES, ESPECIALLY IN  
19 CANCER MORTALITY AND IMPROVING HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS IN THE  
20 UNITED STATES AND INDEED AROUND THE WORLD. HE WAS SURVIVED BY  
21 FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH  
22 COMMUNITY IN THE U.S. AND BEYOND. THEY ALL, WE ALL, WILL MISS  
23 DR. MOSES ALFRED HAYNES. SINCERELY. MADAME CHAIR? THANK YOU.

24

25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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2     **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
3 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THELMA RUTH LEVIN,  
4 WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 104 ON FEBRUARY 24TH. I WOULD SAY BLESS  
5 HER HEART. SHE HAD BEEN RECENTLY HONORED BY THE CITY OF  
6 BEVERLY HILLS AS ONE OF THE OLDEST LIVING RESIDENTS AND HAD  
7 LIVED IN BEVERLY HILLS FOR OVER 60 YEARS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
8 HER DAUGHTER, LESLIE KAVANAUGH, HER GRANDCHILDREN RYAN AND  
9 MATTHEW KAVANAUGH, SCOTT LAINE, AND SHERI RIFKIN, AND HER  
10 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN, GARRETT AND JUSTIN RIFKIN, JENNA AND  
11 SAMI LAINE, AND CARTER AND TOMMY KAVANAUGH. I ASK THAT WHEN WE  
12 ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONRAD FREUND. HE DIED  
13 ON FEBRUARY 14TH AND PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN PRODUCING AND  
14 MANAGING THE \$233 MILLION SURPLUS LEFT FROM THE 1984 LOS  
15 ANGELES OLYMPIC GAMES. HE LATER HELD SEVERAL SENIOR POSITIONS  
16 AT THE L.A. 84 FOUNDATION, INCLUDING CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER.  
17 IN ADDITION TO HIS ROLE AT THE FOUNDATION, HE WAS THE  
18 PRESIDENT OF THE PIERCE COLLEGE FOUNDATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
19 HIS WIFE, BRENDA SONIEGA, AS WELL AS HIS TWO DAUGHTERS BY A  
20 PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, KARYN PISTOLE AND KRISTEN LICCIARDO. AND I  
21 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES  
22 KEANE. HE WAS THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN SANTA MONICA FROM 1979 TO  
23 1991, AND HE DIED ON FEBRUARY 19TH. HE JOINED THE POLICE FORCE  
24 IN '57 AND SERVED THE SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 34  
25 YEARS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ELIZABETH. HIS DAUGHTERS



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1 LISA, KAREN AND KATHLEEN, WHO IS ALSO A RETIRED SANTA MONICA  
2 POLICE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT. AND I ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
3 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BRAM GOLDSMITH OF BEVERLY  
4 HILLS. HE WAS A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER, A BANKER, AND A  
5 PHILANTHROPIST. DIED ON FEBRUARY 28TH AT THE AGE OF 93. HE WAS  
6 THE C.E.O. OF CITY NATIONAL BANK FROM 1975 TO 1995 AND ITS  
7 CHAIRMAN FROM 1975 TO 2013. HE WAS A PHILANTHROPIC LEADER IN  
8 L.A. FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY. HE CHAIRED THE L.A. UNITED  
9 JEWISH FUND CAMPAIGN, SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH  
10 FEDERATION COUNCIL OF GREATER L.A., NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE  
11 UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, AND LOS ANGELES CHAIRMAN AND NATIONAL  
12 BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND  
13 JEWS. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CEDARS-  
14 SINAI MEDICAL CENTER AND THE L.A. PHIL. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE  
15 BOARD OF REGION 4 OF UNITED WAY, A MEMBER OF ITS CENTRAL  
16 BOARD, AND SERVED AS THE FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF THE WALLIS  
17 ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS WHERE THE 500-SEAT  
18 GOLDSMITH THEATER IS NAMED IN HIS HONOR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
19 WIFE ELAINE MALTZ AND HIS SONS RUSSELL AND BRUCE. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I JOIN IN IN ALL  
24 THREE OF THOSE THIRD DISTRICT ADJOURNMENTS AS IT RELATES TO  
25 JUDGE SLOAN, A LONG TIME FRIEND GOING BACK TO 1982, DEAR

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1 FRIEND AND JUST A GREAT PATRIOT AND REALLY INVOLVED ALL THE  
2 WAY ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO  
3 KNEW HIM. ALSO ALFRED MANN AS WELL AS CHARLIE TUNA. BOTH HAVE  
4 KNOWN -- MY CHARLIE TUNA STORY IS IN 1971, JULIE WAS  
5 MISERABLE. WE WERE HAVING OUR FIRST CHILD. CHARLIE TUNA HAD A  
6 TICKLING CONTEST ON HIS RADIO SHOW AND I THOUGHT THAT WOULD  
7 MAKE HER FEEL BETTER. I TICKLED HER, SHE STARTED LAUGHING, AND  
8 WE WON THE CONTEST. FAST FORWARD YEARS LATER, I MADE CONTACT  
9 WITH CHARLIE AND WE GOT TO SAY HELLO AND VISIT AND HAVE LUNCH.  
10 BUT A GREAT MEMORY, A GREAT GUY, AND AS MIKE MENTIONED, SO  
11 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY WAY BEYOND BEING JUST AN INCREDIBLE  
12 DISC JOCKEY WITH A GREAT VOICE. ALSO TODAY, ANOTHER GENTLEMAN,  
13 A JUDGE LEON EMERSON, WHO WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CITY OF  
14 DOWNEY BECOMING INCORPORATED DIED PEACEFULLY ON FEBRUARY 11TH  
15 AT THE AGE OF 90. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNEY  
16 CHAMBER, AND DOWNEY BECAME A CITY IN 1956. HE WAS VERY  
17 INVOLVED IN THE CITY'S FORMATION. SCOUT MASTER. ALSO FOUNDED  
18 THE DOWNEY COUNSELING CENTER. HE WAS APPOINTED AT THE DOWNEY  
19 MUNICIPAL COURT IN 1961, SERVED FOR 30 YEARS ON THE BENCH IN  
20 DOWNEY. TIME MAGAZINE HAILED HIM AS A COURTROOM INNOVATOR. HE  
21 WAS CHAMPION IN THE FIGHT TO GET DRUNK DRIVERS OFF THE ROAD.  
22 HE AND HIS FRIEND, FORMER CHILD ACTOR, BUD MCDONALD FROM THE  
23 OUR GANG SERIES, COLLABORATED ON WHAT IS KNOWN TODAY AS THE  
24 COURT CARD. IT'S USED BY JUDGES NATIONWIDE TO CONFIRM  
25 ATTENDANCE AT ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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1 MEETINGS. HE'S A FORMER TOASTMASTER. HE SPOKE FREQUENTLY  
2 ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO JUDGES AND OTHER GROUPS AND  
3 ORGANIZATIONS. HE WAS WELL KNOWN FOR THAT. HE FOUNDED THE  
4 NONPROFIT WHICH STILL DOES BUSINESS HERE IN THE COUNTY, WHICH  
5 IS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS TO BRING  
6 TREATMENT, EDUCATION AND SERVICES TO ALCOHOLICS AND ADDICTS.  
7 AND HE SERVED AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS FOR MANY YEARS. HE WAS  
9 THE 11TH OF 13 CHILDREN, GREW UP IN A FARM IN OKLAHOMA. HE  
10 FOUGHT AT IWO JIMA IN THE BATTLE OF OKINAWA. HE USED HIS G.I.  
11 BILL TO ATTEND COMPTON COLLEGE, LOYOLA, AND TO GRADUATE FROM  
12 THE SOUTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW. JUDGE EMERSON IS SURVIVED BY  
13 HIS WIFE, LAURA, HIS DAUGHTER, A GOOD FRIEND, JULIA, SONS  
14 DAVID AND DONALD, AND GRANDSONS, TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND  
15 AN OLDER SISTER. AND HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW  
16 HIM. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE GUY. ALSO TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
17 BETTY FREEMAN, BELOVED MEMBER OF SCOTT FREEMAN, WHO IS THE  
18 PRESIDENT OF THE RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION, WHO PASSED AWAY  
19 ON FEBRUARY 12TH AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
20 SON, SCOTT, AND WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND  
21 FRIENDS. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FREEMAN  
22 FAMILY DURING THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME. ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN  
23 IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL MAXSTEAD, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF WALNUT  
24 BUT VERY INVOLVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT AS A VOLUNTEER. HE  
25 LOST A BATTLE TO CANCER AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 65. SURVIVED BY

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1 HIS SISTER, KATHY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY LOU  
2 LANDIS, WHO LOST A VERY HEROIC FIGHT AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. SHE  
3 GREW UP IN GEORGIA, RECEIVED HER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
4 NURSING. SHE RELOCATED TO THE LONG BEACH AREA AND GOT  
5 INVOLVED, INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE  
6 TRICITY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS. SHE WAS  
7 VERY COMMITTED TO HER COMMUNITY AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND  
8 MANY SCHOOL PROGRAMS. ONE OF HER MOST FULFILLING  
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WAS SPONSORING, MENTORING THE HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
10 LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM OF SEVENTH GRADERS ALL THE WAY UP UNTIL  
11 THEY GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY A  
12 FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, ANTHONY, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER FRIENDS  
13 AND EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE WAS -- SHE TOUCHED MANY  
14 LIVES IN HER BUSINESS AND KINDNESS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
15 MEMORY OF IDA DUTRA, MOTHER OF WHITTIER MAYOR, FERNANDO DUTRA,  
16 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. SHE WAS BORN IN THE AZORES  
17 ON A LITTLE ISLAND CALLED FLORES. SHE WAS ONE OF EIGHT  
18 CHILDREN. WHILE SHE WAS STUDYING TO BE A TEACHER, SHE MET  
19 FERNANDO DUTRA ON THE ISLAND, WHERE HE WAS STATIONED IN THE  
20 ARMY, AND EVENTUALLY MOVED TO THE UNITED STATES, MOVING TO  
21 CALIFORNIA IN '72. SHE HAD A 20-YEAR CAREER AS A DENTAL  
22 ASSISTANT, WAS PROUD TO BECOME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND WANTED  
23 TO GIVE BACK TO HER COUNTRY. SHE DID THIS BY VOLUNTEERING FOR  
24 MANY YEARS AS A POLL WORKER FOR THE COUNTY. SHE WAS TRULY AN  
25 AMAZING WOMAN, A BLESSING, AND AN INSPIRATION TO NOT ONLY HER

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1 FAMILY BUT TO SO MANY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,  
2 FERNANDO, HER TWO SONS, FERNANDO AND RUBEN, AND FOUR WONDERFUL  
3 GRANDCHILDREN. SHE LOVED LIFE AND LIVED IT BY DOING FOR OTHERS  
4 AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ALL  
5 WHO KNEW HER. FINALLY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FISA QURASHI,  
6 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 38 AFTER A HARD-  
7 FOUGHT BATTLE WITH A BRAIN TUMOR. SHE WAS AN ATTORNEY AT  
8 NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW AND SPECIALIZED IN CHILD WELFARE  
9 AND HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SHE  
10 IS SURVIVED BY HER -- SHE WAS A KEY AUTHOR OUR LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROTOCOL, WHICH WE JUST  
12 INITIATED AS IT RELATES TO THE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE. AND  
13 THANKS TO HER WORK, HUNDREDS OF YOUNG GIRLS WILL BE RESCUED  
14 FROM THEIR TRAFFICKERS AND HAVE A CHANCE TO LEAD A NORMAL  
15 LIFE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, FIVE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER,  
16 HER PARENTS, AND THREE SIBLINGS. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
17 MEMORY OF HUBERT CARVER PERRY, A WELL-KNOWN LIFETIME RESIDENT  
18 OF WHITTIER, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF  
19 102. HE WAS ALSO KNOWN AS MR. WHITTIER. HE WAS A CHAMPION OF  
20 CREATING THE MODERN-DAY WHITTIER. HE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN  
21 MURPHY HOSPITAL WHICH LATER BECAME, WE ALL KNOW NOW, AS  
22 PRESBYTERIAN INTERCOMMUNITY HOSPITAL. HE SERVED ON THAT BOARD  
23 FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HE WAS A FRIEND OF THE LATE RICHARD NIXON.  
24 BOTH FAMILIES BECAME FRIENDS AT THEIR TIME TOGETHER AT  
25 WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL AND LATER WHILE ATTENDING WHITTIER

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1 COLLEGE. HE PROPOSED TO HIS WIFE, LOUISE, ON THEIR VERY FIRST  
2 DATE AFTER MEETING HER AT A STANFORD REUNION. THEY WERE  
3 FAITHFULLY MARRIED FOR 71 YEARS PRIOR TO HER PASSING IN 2010.  
4 SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN, LEE, BRIAN, ALLEN AND MARK,  
5 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL  
6 TRULY BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY  
7 OF WHITTIER, TO HIS CHURCH, P.I.H., THE NIXON LIBRARY,  
8 WHITTIER LIONS CLUB AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MR. WHITTIER  
9 WILL LIVE ON IN THEIR HEARTS FOREVER. THOSE ARE MY  
10 ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.

11

12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. YES,  
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF WE COULD HAVE CINDY HARDING FROM PUBLIC  
16 HEALTH TO COME FORWARD?

17

18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. MS. HARDING?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHRISTINE KATZ, THE CASE I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE  
21 TALKED WITH, WHEN SHE IS TALKING ABOUT THE HOME HAS AN OILY  
22 SUBSTANCE AND DIFFICULT, HER TWO-YEAR-OLD CHILD BREAKS OUT  
23 WITH A RASH WHEN THEY WENT BACK TO THEIR HOME, COULD YOU GIVE  
24 US AN UPDATE ON THAT? LORI? TURN ON HER MICROPHONE.

25

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1 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YES, I PERSONALLY SPOKE WITH  
2 THE KATZ FAMILY, WITH MR. BRIAN KATZ, AND I KNOW DR. CYRUS  
3 RANGEN SPOKE WITH BOTH CHRISTINE KATZ AND HER HUSBAND ABOUT  
4 THE SITUATION AT THEIR HOUSE. AND THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT  
5 THEY HAD NOTIFIED US OF AN OILY RESIDUE BEING FOUND INSIDE THE  
6 PROPERTIES IN THE PORTER RANCH AREA. AND AS A RESULT, WE  
7 CONTACTED THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, ASKED THEM TO  
8 INVESTIGATE, AND TO CLEAN UP ANY OILY RESIDUE THAT'S FOUND. WE  
9 HAVE TESTED THIS OILY RESIDUE IN THE PAST. IT IS A PETROLEUM  
10 COMPONENT, AND BEING AROUND IT DOESN'T CAUSE ANY HEALTH  
11 HAZARDS, BUT COMING IN CONTACT WITH IT CAN CAUSE A RASH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN, WHEN YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN A HOME,  
14 THEY'RE BOUND TO COME IN CONTACT WITH IT.

15

16 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** EXACTLY. THAT'S WHY WE MANDATED THAT THE  
17 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, IF FINDING THIS IN PEOPLE'S  
18 HOMES, THEY HAVE TO CLEAN IT UP.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAS BEEN THEIR RESPONSE?

21

22 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** WE WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH THEM. WE JUST GAVE  
23 THEM AN ORDER TO DO THAT LAST WEEK.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. AGAIN, THEY HAVE BEEN THE MOST  
2    IRRESPONSIBLE PUBLIC AGENCY, QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY THAT I'VE  
3    EVER ENCOUNTERED. AND AFTER GETTING OUR RESIDENTS 30 DAYS,  
4    THEN THEY GO BACK AND APPEAL THAT DECISION, WHICH IS BEING  
5    APPEALED RIGHT NOW. WE'LL GET A DECISION. WE STILL DON'T HAVE  
6    A DECISION, RIGHT? SO, ANY TIME. BUT IT'S JUST ONE ROADBLOCK,  
7    ONE OBSTACLE AFTER ANOTHER. AND THESE PEOPLE WITH CHILDREN,  
8    REGARDLESS, ALL BEING IMPACTED WITH THE ANIMALS AND ALL. AND  
9    IT'S TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE.

10

11    **CYNTHIA HARDING:** I AGREE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND WE AGREE  
12    THAT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY NEEDS TO BE  
13    RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS AND CLEAN THIS UP WHEN IT'S FOUND IN  
14    PEOPLE'S PROPERTIES.

15

16    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

17

18    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE PUBLIC  
19    COMMENT, MEMBERS? COUNSEL?

20

21    **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE DON'T HAVE TO, SUPERVISORS. IT'S AT  
22    YOUR DISCRETION.

23

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT. OKAY, THEN, LET'S MOVE ON. WE'RE  
2 GOING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT. (OFF MIC COMMENTS FROM  
3 AUDIENCE).

4

5 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO, IT WASN'T. NOT REALLY. IT WAS A  
6 QUESTION.

7

8 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN COME UP AND SPEAK ON PUBLIC  
9 COMMENT IF YOU WANT, ON THAT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'T BE A HEMORRHOID.

12

13 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT WAS NOT AN AGENDIZED ITEM, SIR, AND  
14 THE BROWN ACT ALLOWS FOR..

15

16 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PAY ATTENTION.

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** ..A REPORT BACK WITHOUT TAKING COMMENT.  
19 YOU CAN ADDRESS YOUR CONCERNS AT PUBLIC COMMENT TIME. THANK  
20 YOU.

21

22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS, LET'S CALL UP OSCAR  
23 MOHAMMAD, ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK.

24

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** MADAME CHAIR, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THE BROWN ACT  
2 REQUIRES THAT IF HE INTRODUCES SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YOU DO  
3 HAVE TO LET A SPECIAL COMMENT ON IT. I DIDN'T SIGN UP, BUT  
4 THEY DID, AND YOU HAVE TO DO IT. THIS IS A VIOLATION OF THE  
5 BROWN ACT. PLEASE. I INSTRUCT YOU, SIR, I KNOW YOU LIKE  
6 BREAKING LAWS, BUT, SIR, COME ON, LET'S MOVE FORWARD. THIS IS  
7 ERIC PREVEN, PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU KNOW, ERIC, IF YOU WANT TO TAKE A  
10 SHOT, BE A MAN ABOUT IT, ALL RIGHT? I DON'T LIKE BREAKING  
11 LAWS, AND YOU SHOULDN'T ASSERT THAT. I'LL ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY  
12 WHEN YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** WILL YOU PROVIDE ME MY TWO MINUTES, PLEASE?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHEN YOU DEEM IT APPROPRIATE.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, OKAY, FINE. I WAS CALLING TODAY ON PUBLIC  
19 COMMENT TO TALK ABOUT THE OSCAR WIN THIS WEEKEND FOR  
20 "SPOTLIGHT," WHICH WAS EXTRAORDINARY. THIS IS A MOVIE, TO  
21 REFRESH THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN IT, THAT IT WAS REALLY ABOUT  
22 AN EDITOR NAMED "MARTY BARON WHO ARRIVED IN BOSTON IN A TOWN  
23 WELL-ENTRENCHED IN 50 PERCENT OR MORE CATHOLIC THAT THERE WAS  
24 AN EDITORIAL ABOUT SOME ALLEGATIONS THAT A DEFROCKED PRIEST  
25 HAD ABUSED 80 KIDS. AND A GROUP OF JOURNALISTS, MIKE REZENDES,

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1 SASHA PFEIFFER, AND I BELIEVE WALTER ROBINSON WAS THE EDITOR,  
2 YOU KNOW, WERE ASSIGNED TO LOOK INTO IT. AND THOUGH IT WAS  
3 TEMPTING TO WRITE A STORE ABOUT THE MALFEASANCE AND THE  
4 WRONGDOING THAT THEY FOUND INITIALLY, THEY PRESSED TO ATTACK  
5 THE SYSTEM THAT WAS, IN FACT, PROTECTING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE  
6 DOING UNSPEAKABLE THINGS TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN BOSTON AND, IT  
7 TURNED OUT, AROUND THE WORLD. THIS IS A POWERFUL MOVIE ON MANY  
8 LEVELS, BUT IT SPEAKS TO LARGE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ENGAGED  
9 IN SYSTEMIC DIFFICULTIES WHERE REGULAR RANK-AND-FILE PEOPLE  
10 ARE AWARE OF WHAT'S WRONG BUT ARE HELPLESS AND THE TIRELESS  
11 FIGHT ON BEHALF OF THESE CHILDREN THAT THESE JOURNALISTS  
12 ENGAGED IN THIS IS DEEPLY MOVING. AND EVEN THE VATICAN TODAY  
13 APPRECIATED THAT FILM. SO, I WOULD JUST SAY, IN LIGHT OF YOUR  
14 VIOLATION TODAY, WHICH IS OF COURSE ON A MUCH DIFFERENT ORDER,  
15 YOU STEP FORWARD --

16

17 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. OSCAR MOHAMMAD?

18

19 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** MY NAME IS OSCAR MUHAMMAD. I SPEAK FOR THE  
20 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. WE SHOULD BRIDGE  
21 POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE SHOULD SEPARATE THE RACE. EACH  
22 RACE SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THEIR OWN DESTINATION. WE  
23 SHOULD HAVE LESS GOVERNMENT IN OUR LIVES. OUT OF THE THREE  
24 MAJOR RELIGIONS IN THE WORLD, JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND  
25 ISLAM, ISLAM IS THE BEST RELIGION. CHRISTIANITY IS A CULT.

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1 CHRISTIANITY IS NO RELIGION. WE SHOULD TRY TO TURN TO THE  
2 CREATOR TODAY. WE SHOULD END CAPITALISM, BECAUSE THE POLITICAL  
3 SYSTEM PROTECTS CAPITALISM. WE SHOULD HAVE REMOVED THE BLACK  
4 HOMELESS FROM DOWNTOWN SKID ROW, BECAUSE MANY OF THE BLACK  
5 HOMELESS IN DOWNTOWN SKID ROW, THEY'RE FROM ANOTHER NATION.  
6 THEY SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED. AND PEOPLE FROM OTHER NATIONS  
7 SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO AMERICA UNLESS IT BE THE LEGAL  
8 WAY. AND REGARD FOR THE NATION THEY COME FROM, THEY SHOULD BE  
9 MADE TO BE EXPORTED WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN EXPORTED TODAY. AND  
10 THERE WAS A RACE GOING ON ONE TIME BETWEEN A TRACK STAR AND  
11 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE TRACK STAR CAME IN FIRST, THE  
12 POLICE DEPARTMENT CAME IN SECOND, AND THE BULLETS CAME THIRD.  
13 WE SHOULD FIND MORE RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR LIFE TODAY. WE  
14 SHOULD HAVE A BETTER DIRECTION TO ESTABLISH A TRUE AMERICAN  
15 GOVERNMENT, A TRUE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TODAY. BUT WE ARE  
16 LIVING IN THE TIME TODAY OF JUDGMENT, AND AMERICA HAVE NO  
17 LEADERSHIP. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO COOPERATE WITH AND FOLLOW  
18 THE LEADER. BUT, ANYWAY, ISLAM STARTED OFF WITH ONE, MOHAMMAD,  
19 ONE CONVERT, MUHAMMAD. 1,400 YEARS LATER, THE RELIGION OF  
20 ISLAM HAVE OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE. ISLAM IS THE LARGEST GROUP  
21 OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

22

23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

24

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1    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. I'M NOT A WITNESS, MA'AM. I AM  
2    MAKING A PRESENTATION.

3

4    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE KEEP -- ADDRESS THE BOARD  
5    APPROPRIATELY.

6

7    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT, MA'AM.

8

9    **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CHATTER. LET'S JUST  
10   GET ON WITH IT, PLEASE.

11

12   **ARNOLD SACHS:** MA'AM, THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT. I AM NOT A  
13   WITNESS TO YOUR --

14

15   **SUP. KNABE:** WE DON'T NEED -- WE DON'T NEED AN EXPLANATION.

16

17   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:**WE DON'T NEED A LECTURE.

18

19   **SUP. KNABE:**IT'S PUBLIC COMMENT. TALK. YOU DON'T NEED -- SHE  
20   DOESN'T NEED TO HAVE YOU EXPLAIN. KEEP YOUR TIME GOING.

21

22   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S ON.

23

24   **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY. THERE WAS AN AGENDA ITEM ON SUSTAINABILITY  
25   TODAY. YOU MENTIONED EXIDE. AS CHAIRPERSON, YOU MENTIONED

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1 EXIDE AND PORTER RANCH. I WAS ATTACKED WHEN I BROUGHT IT UP IN  
2 MY COMMENTARY AS NOT BEING ON THE SUBJECT. THE COUNTYWIDE  
3 ECONOMIC PLAN WAS ALSO ON THE AGENDA, THE COMMUNITY  
4 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. MOM-AND-POP BUSINESSES TAKE PART IN  
5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. I WAS ATTACKED WHEN I BROUGHT  
6 IT UP ON THE AGENDA. HOW DO I GET ATTACKED FOR BRINGING UP  
7 THINGS THAT YOU MENTIONED? TWO WEEKS AGO, ONE OF THE  
8 SUPERVISORS ATTACKED ME FOR MENTIONING THIS WONDERFUL JOB FAIR  
9 THEY HAD, EXCEPT MY PROBLEM WITH HIS ATTACK WAS I DIDN'T  
10 ATTACK THE JOB FAIR. I ATTACKED THE \$51 MILLION THAT THE  
11 COUNTY HAD AUTHORIZED TO SOME PROGRAMS IN INGLEWOOD FOR SOME  
12 DISADVANTAGED YOUTH TO BE JOB-TRAINED. AND MY QUESTION AT THE  
13 TIME OF THE MEETING, MR. KNABE, WAS: HOW MANY PEOPLE IN  
14 INGLEWOOD MADE IT TO THE JOB FAIR?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THOUSANDS.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BASED UPON THE AMOUNT OF GAS THAT YOU PRESENTED,  
19 I WOULD HAVE ASSUMED THAT WAS ZERO. SO, IF YOU PAY ATTENTION  
20 TO WHAT'S BEING SAID SOMETIMES..

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU PAY ATTENTION. YOU WEREN'T THERE. I DO PAY  
23 ATTENTION. THERE WERE SEVERAL HUNDRED KIDS FROM INGLEWOOD  
24 THERE.

25



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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** ..NOT HAVING AN IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON AND WHAT'S  
2   ON THE AGENDA. THAT'S A DIFFERENT PROBLEM. NOW THIS IDEA WITH  
3   THIS EXIDE DISCUSSION IS OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IT SHOULD BE.  
4   IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA. IF IT WASN'T ON THE AGENDA, IT  
5   SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED. THAT'S WHAT YOUR RULES STATE.  
6   FOLLOW YOUR OWN RULES.

7

8   **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JOSE MARTINEZ? MONIQUE SHORES? MONIQUE  
9   WILL BE GRANTED TWO MINUTES, AND SHE'S ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF  
10   OF ERICA CHAMPAGNE. AND RUTH KRAFT.

11

12   **MONIQUE SHORES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK  
13   YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. I'M JUST HERE REAL QUICK. MY DAUGHTER  
14   HAS BEEN APPLYING FOR AID DOWN AT THE D.P.S.S. OFFICE ON 85TH  
15   AND VERMONT. THIS IS WHAT I WROTE. "IT IS OUT OF MUCH CONCERN  
16   THAT MY DAUGHTER AND MYSELF HAD TO ADDRESS THIS COMMITTEE ON  
17   THE CONDUCT AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS OF THE D.P.S.S. AT 85TH AND  
18   VERMONT IN LOS ANGELES THAT IS UNDER THE COUNCILMAN MARK  
19   RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY DAUGHTER, TIARACA CHAMPAGNE, HAS APPLIED FOR  
20   ASSISTANCE AS HOMELESS AS OF JANUARY 2016 AND HAS RETURNED  
21   SEVERAL TIMES TO THE OFFICE WITH NO HELP. THE D.P.S.S. HAS  
22   REFUSED TO SERVICE HER AND HAS TOLD HER TO GO TO THE FOOD  
23   BANKS FOR FOOD FOR HER TWO CHILDREN THAT ARE 3 AND 18 MONTHS.  
24   SHE STAYS WITH ME AND MY DAD, AND SHE'S A DIVORCEE COMING FROM  
25   A HUSBAND THAT WAS IN IRAQ, SO SHE'S AN EX-MILITARY WIFE. SHE

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1    MOVED HERE FROM IOWA. PRIOR TO THAT, THEY STAYED IN ITALY FOR  
2    A YEAR. YESTERDAY, WE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE, AND THE OFFICE  
3    WAS VERY RUDE TO US. WE LET THEM KNOW THAT WE WERE GOING TO  
4    COME SEE MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THEY TOLD US WE COULD DO WHAT  
5    WE WANT TO DO, THEY DON'T CARE. WE ASKED FOR THE DEPUTY  
6    OFFICER. THEY TOLD US THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHO IT WAS. WE ASKED  
7    THEM WHO WAS THE COUNCILMAN OVER THIS DISTRICT. ALL OF THEM  
8    TOLD US THEY DID NOT KNOW WHO THE COUNCILMAN WAS, AND MY  
9    ANSWER TO THEM WERE, "YOU'RE GOING TO PULL YOUR PENSION OFF OF  
10    YOU BEING A COUNTY WORKER, AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF WHO YOUR  
11    DISTRICT OFFICE WORKER IS?" AFTER THAT, WE CAME HERE YESTERDAY  
12    TO SPEAK TO MR. RIDLEY. HIS SECRETARY, MISS LYDIA, WAS VERY  
13    RUDE, DISRESPECTFUL, AND HUNG THE PHONE UP IN OUR FACE. I PAID  
14    \$38 FOR PARKING YESTERDAY FOR TWO CARS. I'M QUITE SURE TODAY  
15    I'LL PAY \$25, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN HERE SINCE 10:00. ALL I WANT  
16    TO KNOW IS THAT I THINK THE -- NOT THE COUNCIL PEOPLE BUT THE  
17    PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE D.P.S.S., THEY NEED TO BE  
18    PSYCHOLOGICALLY BACKGROUND CHECKED. THEY NEED TO BE RETRAINED,  
19    BECAUSE IF YOU'RE SENDING EVERYBODY TO LUNCH AT ONE TIME, SO  
20    THAT MEANS THE WHOLE OFFICE SHUTS DOWN. BUT YOU'RE STILL  
21    TAKING IN PEOPLE TO BE SERVICED, BUT YOU HAVE NO ONE TO  
22    SERVICE THEM. YOU HAVE ONE LONG LINE THAT GOES OUT THE DOOR,  
23    OUT THE BUILDING. THAT'S FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE AND FOR DOCUMENT  
24    DROP-OFF. THOSE SHOULD BE TWO DIFFERENT LINES. IT'S JUST THE  
25    DISRESPECT AND THE RUDENESS THAT COMES FROM EVERYBODY AT THAT

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1 OFFICE ON 85TH AND VERMONT WHEN THEY SERVICE HAWTHORNE,  
2 GARDENA, INGLEWOOD, LOS ANGELES. THE LOBBY ISN'T BIG ENOUGH TO  
3 ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE, BUT EVERYONE THAT WORKS BACK THERE, THEY  
4 DON'T TELL YOU ANYTHING. NOW, I DO HAVE NAMES. MR. RAMOS IS  
5 SUPPOSED TO BE THE DUTY WORKER OVER THE WHOLE OFFICE. MISS  
6 YORBA IS SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT'S OVER ALL  
7 THE OTHER SUPERVISORS. MR. SAMSON CLAIMED HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW  
8 TO CONTACT YOU, DIDN'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE. MISS CASTELLON,  
9 SPELLED C AS IN CHARLIE, A-S-T-E-L-L-O-N, SPOKE TO US  
10 YESTERDAY. SHE'S THE ONE THAT TOLD US TO COME DOWN HERE AND  
11 SEE YOU IF THAT'S HOW WE FELT. SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHO YOU WERE.  
12 SHE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO US. AND MISS GWEN THAT  
13 WORKS AT THE FRONT OFFICE, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA OF  
14 WHO YOU ARE, BUT YOU REPRESENT THEM. MY DAUGHTER NEEDS SOME  
15 HELP.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. MISS AUSTRIA IS COMING RIGHT  
18 THERE AND YOU WILL MEET HER RIGHT THERE AND YOU WILL BE ABLE  
19 TO GET THE HELP THAT YOU SEEK.

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21 **MONIQUE SHORES:** I THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED, THANK YOU.

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25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JOSE MARTINEZ, RUTH KRAFT, AND WAYNE.

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2   **RUTH KRAFT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
3   RUTH KRAFT. I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE ON THE BEHALF OF CHILDREN  
4   CAUGHT UP IN THE SO-CALLED COUNTY CUSTODY. THE COUNTY HAS SOME  
5   REAL SERIOUS PROBLEMS, AND IT HAS BEEN MY OBLIGATION, BECAUSE  
6   OF THE WAY MY KIDS WERE TREATED WHILE THEY WERE IN YOUR  
7   SYSTEM, IT IS MY LIFE -- ACTUALLY, IT IS MY PASSION TO MAKE  
8   SURE THAT NOTHING HAPPENS TO ANOTHER CHILD WHERE A CHILD IS  
9   ALIENATED FROM THEIR PARENTS. THEY'RE PUT IN SITUATIONS  
10   WHEREBY THEY ARE SUBJECTED TO RAPE. THEY ARE LOST IN YOUR  
11   SYSTEM AND NOBODY CAN FIND THEM. WHEN THEY DO FIND THEM, THEY  
12   END UP BEING STREET PEOPLE OR THEY END UP IN PRISON. MY KIDS  
13   WOULD FALL IN THE CATEGORY OF PRISON. BUT THANK GOD I HAD A  
14   CHANCE TO GO TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AND HAD MY ISSUES  
15   RAISED. I CONCUR WITH THE LADY THAT WAS HERE BEFORE. THEY  
16   SHOULD WIPE 85TH AND VERMONT OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH. I HAVE  
17   BEEN FIGHTING THOSE PEOPLE FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS. THEY  
18   LIE. THEY STEAL. EVERY TIME YOU CALL UP THERE, THEY'RE AT  
19   LUNCH. EVERY TIME YOU CALL, YOUR REPRESENTATIVE OR YOUR  
20   CASEWORKER NO LONGER WORKS THERE. THEY'VE BEEN SENT TO  
21   SACRAMENTO. NOBODY CAN FIND YOUR PAPERWORK. THEY HAVE STOLEN  
22   YOUR CHILD SUPPORT. THAT IS WHY I'M LOBBYING TODAY GOVERNOR  
23   BROWN TO HAVE A MEETING WITH ONE OF HIS AIDES, BECAUSE THIS IS  
24   ABSOLUTELY CORRUPTION, AND SOMEBODY NEEDS TO GET OFF OF THEIR

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1 BACKSIDE AND DO SOMETHING. OR DONALD TRUMP WILL TAKE OVER,  
2 THANK THE LORD.

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO, I HAVE SEEN MORE VIOLENCE. VIOLENCE  
7 AGAINST PUBLIC SPEAKERS, THAT'S THE NORM. TODAY IT'S CITY  
8 COUNCIL. (YELLING FROM THE AUDIENCE).

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10 **RECORDING:** YOU'RE OFF THE ITEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR.  
11 SPINDLER. COME FORWARD.

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13 **WAYNE FROM ENCINO:** THERE YOU GO. THAT'S THE GANGSTER HERB  
14 WESSON, JR., THE SECOND LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES. ALL  
15 OF THESE MEN WITH GUNS SURROUNDED BY SECURITY, AND THEN WHILE  
16 MR. SACHS TALKS, YOU TALK BACK. WE GET A LOUSY TWO MINUTES.  
17 SO, YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES. WE COME HERE. WE SETTLE OUR ISSUES.  
18 WE CAN'T DO IT THAT WAY. WE DO IT OUTSIDE. YOU DON'T WANT TO  
19 DO IT OUTSIDE. SO, YOU HAVE TO GIVE THE PUBLIC THE CHANCE TO  
20 SPEAK. BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR FROM US. YOU DON'T WANT TO  
21 HEAR ABOUT 87TH AND VERMONT. I DROVE DOWN THERE LAST MONTH.  
22 YOU SHOULD SEE THAT PLACE. NOW I GOT UP IN MY RANCH. WATER,  
23 DESCENDING, DESTROYING MY DRIVEWAY. FRIDAY THEY COME OUT. OH,  
24 WE'RE GOING TO HELP. WE'RE GOING TO RESTORE THE DRIVEWAY.  
25 WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU MORE DIRT TO GET YOU SANDBAGS. SO, I

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1 GO UP THERE YESTERDAY. I'M SICK YESTERDAY. NOT A DAMN THING  
2 DONE. THAT'S YOUR GOVERNMENT. TAXES. PAY, PAY, PAY, PAY, PAY,  
3 MORE, MORE, MORE, MORE, MORE. STUFFING OUR BALLOT WITH MORE  
4 AND MORE AND MORE AND MORE MONEY TILL THEY SUCK US DRY. AND  
5 THEN WE GET PORTER RANCH. TWO SPEAKERS WANTED TO TALK ON THAT  
6 ITEM SEPARATELY. YOU CAN'T EVEN AFFORD US THE COURTESY AFTER  
7 WE FILL OUT THESE TEMPORARY CARDS. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING GET  
8 DONALD TRUMP. DONALD TRUMP IS A LUNATIC. YOU'RE GOING TO GET A  
9 PRESIDENT AS A LUNATIC BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE SICK OF THIS CRAP.  
10 THEY'RE TIRED OF BEING TREATED LIKE THIS.

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12 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS, THE EXECUTIVE  
13 OFFICE WILL READ US INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
16 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.  
18 C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
19 LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
20 EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR  
21 NEGOTIATORS, SACHI A. HAMAI, AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AS  
22 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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